

Faculty of Economics and Political Science

Diplomatic and Consular Systems

Information :

Course Code : PSC 404

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Department of Political Science

Area Of Study :

This course provides students with an informed view of historical, modern and practical diplomacy in a globalized and interconnected world. It sheds light on the history of diplomacy through the Pharaonic, Greek and Roman civilizations. Additionally, the course focuses on the two Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations in 1961 and 1963, which regulate diplomatic and consular functions and structures. For instance, heads of diplomatic missions and their members, responsibilities of the diplomat, difference between consults and diplomatic representatives and many other aspects. Moreover, the course focuses on diplomacy in international organizations and international relations through studying nature of diplomacy, diplomatic methods and negotiations, the operation of diplomacy in specific areas and international conflicts.

Course Goals:

1- Identify the practical and legal rules governing the activity of diplomatic missions, consular offices, permanent missions at international organizations and other forms of international relations.

2- Explain the Vienna Conventions that regulate the diplomatic and consular functions and structures.

3- Distinguish between particular forms of institution that represent states and international organizations in their mutual relations.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

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| 1 - | Outline the historical developments in the field of diplomacy. |
| 2 - | Find and understand legal conditions under which the foreign representatives live and work in the host country. |

b. Intellectual Skills: :

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| 1 - | Asses the validity and effectiveness of the operation of diplomacy in specific areas and international conflicts. |
| 2 - | Distinguish between the different functions of the members of the diplomatic missions. |

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

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| 1 - | Locate and use sources for credible information. |
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- 2 - Develop an understanding of the mechanisms through which diplomacy work in international organizations.

d.General and Transferable Skills :

- 1 - Develop self-learning skills.
2 - Gain confidence and knowledge on how to work towards solutions.
3 - Demonstrate knowledge effectively through presentation.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introduction: Overview of the Course Requirements & Syllabus	3	1	
The Role of Diplomacy and Consular Activities in International Society	6	2	
Institutional Development of Diplomatic Relations	9	3	
Antiquity, Middle Ages and Modern Times' Contributions to Diplomatic and Consular Relations. Congresses of Vienna and Aix-la-Chapelle. Multilateral Diplomacy - Origin and Development	6	2	
Codification of Modern Diplomatic and Consular Law after World War II	3	1	
Mid Term Exam		1	
Domestic and Foreign Organs of the State Dealing with International Relations	6	2	
Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations of Universal Character	3	1	
Papers Presentation	3	1	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures

Demonstration videos

Group discussion

Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Class work (assignments, quizzes, research papers, class attendance, class participation)	30.00		To assess understanding, and to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills
Midterm Exam(s)	30.00	10	To assess professional skills

Recommended books :

Henry Kissinger, Diplomacy, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1995.

Web Sites :

United Nations, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations in 1963, 2005, Available at:
http://legal.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/conventions/9_2_1963.pdf

United Nations, Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations in 1961, Apr. 1961, Available at:
<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/17843.pdf>