



Course Code IREL-650	Course Title The Practice of Diplomacy	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites IREL-510
Type of Course Elective	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study ANY	Lecturer(s) Professor Costas M. Constantinou
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course will provide an introduction into the practice of diplomacy at an advanced level. It discusses interstate diplomacy but it does not view the subject exclusively and restrictively from this dimension, or its practice as an elite government vocation. It approaches diplomacy from a social and critical dimension as the regulation of relations between Self and Other(s). The course examines the diverse theories of and approaches to diplomatic practice, the changing structures of diplomatic relationships, and the latest developments and innovations in diplomatic practice.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to:

1. Demonstrate a familiarity with the evolution of modern diplomatic thought.
2. Critically assess key theories and texts on diplomatic practice and illustrate extensive knowledge of key trends and developments within the subfield of diplomacy.
3. Illustrate the impact of technology and of the new media/actors on diplomatic conduct.
4. Analyse the different types of diplomatic relation and contact, the work of diplomatic missions, the process of negotiation and of diplomatic communication, ceremony and law.
5. Illustrate the ability to perform research and present academic information on the subject of diplomacy.
6. Independently identify, analyze and evaluate complex issues relating to diplomacy using a variety of methodological tools.

Course Contents:

1. Defining and Studying Diplomacy
2. The Modern Diplomatic System and its Biases
3. Diplomatic Culture
4. Diplomatic Relations
5. Foreign Ministries and Diplomatic Missions
6. Diplomatic Immunity
7. Diplomatic Communication
8. Negotiation
9. Mediation and Preventive Diplomacy
10. Diplomatic Agreement and Compliance
11. Sustainable Diplomacy
12. Summary and Conclusions

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, tutorial sessions, simulation exercises

Assessment Methods:

Exam, Essay, Class participation.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
S. Riordan	<i>The New Diplomacy</i>	Polity	2003	0745627900
G.R.Berridge	<i>Diplomacy: Theory and Practice</i> 3 rd Edition	Palgrave Macmillan	2005	1403993114

Recommended Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
J. Melissen (ed.)	<i>The New Public Diplomacy</i>	Palgrave Macmillan	2005	1403945167
P. Sharp	<i>Diplomatic Theory of International Relations</i>	Cambridge University Press	2009	