

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-400 The Practice of Diplomacy

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL-400	The Practice of Diplomacy	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	PSCI-344 International Politics
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

Instructor

Dr Farid Mirbagheri

Course Aims and Objectives

This course will explain how and why the machinery of diplomacy has evolved to its present state of development. It will assess the relationship between the demands of the international system at different times and the functioning of the diplomatic machine. Its durability in the face of markedly changing subjects of negotiation, particularly represented by the need for non-state actors to communicate with each other will be discussed. The emergence and structure of embassies, foreign ministries and other originators of diplomatic activity will also be described as well as the future prospects.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, assignments and project(s).

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (42 hours lectures/lab presentations/lab tutorials). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Class Participation:	0-5%
Homework/Project(s):	10-20%
Test(s):	40-50%
Final Exam:	40-50%

Readings and Resources

Recommended Reading

H. Nicholson: Diplomacy, 1963

A. Watson: Diplomacy, 1982

A. Barston: Modern Diplomacy, 1988

E. Satow: A Guide to Modern Diplomatic Practice, 1932