Masters Of Arts Programme In International Relations And Diplomacy

Course Descriptions

ADI 800: International Relations and Diplomacy
Role of ‘theory’ in the study of issues of international relations; exploration of range of theoretical underpinnings of international relations; the world and the diversity of the cultures; increase of international contact in society; politics and business; Trends, patterns and generalizations of events such as inter-state agreements.

ADI 801: Research Methods in International Relations and Diplomacy
Principles of research in international relations and diplomacy; research methods and design; data collection both quantitative and qualitative, methods of data collection and analysis; research instruments. Ethics in conducting research; writing research findings.

ADI 802: Foreign Policy Formulation and Diplomacy
Identification and evaluation of various political institutions. Factors and processes that constitute the formulation of foreign policy. The exercise of modern diplomacy. Elements of historical continuity, change and innovation in the conduct of contemporary diplomacy.

ADI 803: International Public Law
Nature and content of international law; Creation of International Public Law; treaties and negotiations; Written agreements. Equity, impact and significance of unilateral acts on IPL. Identifying state attributes and determining state responsibilities. International organizations and individuals. Resolving international conflicts.

ADI 804: International Political Economy

ADI 805: International Organizations
International organizations as actors in global affairs. Types of international organizations; intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The role of the UN. The Role of AU. Challenges of IGOs and NGOs.

ADI 806 Current Issues in International Relations
Contemporary issues in international relations. Regional and global issues. Dynamics of international systems. Features of the current world order. Effects of national governments on its people. Global capitalism and global markets and African products.

ADI 807: Strategies and Conflict Resolution
Formulation of policies on war and peace. Planning the course of action. Factors influencing strategic action. Prevention of war. States as agents of peace; Role of international organizations

ADI 808: International Trade, Banking and Finance


ADI 809: Global Communications, Media and International Affairs

Global media scene and its impact on diplomacy and world affairs; news-gathering methods; professional principles and constraints; media performance; context, profit-making structures; politics, ethics and ideologies; communication and conflicts transformation.

ADI 810: Global Conflicts

Origins of violence and conflict; types of global conflicts; international politics; notions of balance of power; conceptual frameworks of global conflicts. Theorizing global peace and development.

ADI 811: Contemporary International Political Order

Modern political institutions and ideas that govern them: democracy, human rights, the free market economy, rule of law and universal suffrage.

ADI 812: Postmodernism, International Relations and Diplomacy

Periodization in political history. Post-modernity: Concepts, values of economic, human, cultural and political dimensions. Socio-political and economic developments in the world since the fall of communism and the dissolution of Soviet Union. The concept of post-modernism developed by authors such as Kojev, Fukuyama, Baudrillard and Lyotard.

ADI 813: International Environmental Politics

International environmental law and politics. Global environmental issues facing the earth. Nature of environmental problems. Coalition-building and mobilization amongst states. Competition over scarce resources as a cause of conflict and war, future of such conflicts due to depletion of natural resources.

ADI 814: Seminar

Topics shall include but not limited to international relations foreign policy.

ADI 815: Sports in International Relations and Diplomacy

Historical background of sports. Enhancement of international relations through diplomatic activity in the international sports. The World Cup, Olympic Games and other organized games. Conflicts in sports. Security and terrorism in sports. Ethical issues in international sports.

ADI 816: Women and International Relations

**ADI 817: Research Project (4 units)**

Students develop, execute and present a research project as a culminating component of the master’s program, in consultation with a faculty mentor.

**ADI 818: Thesis**

Governed by Kenyatta University examination regulations.