

## **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**

Definition. Concept of globalization. Impact of modernization within the international systems. Issues on free trade investment and protectionism. International financial network and its institutions. Developing countries. Comparisons between the economic development of different social-political systems. Liberalization and economic reforms. Problems of debt. Economics as a tool of diplomacy and military power.

#### **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**

Measurements of current economic insight into poverty, wealth and development. Economic analysis in addressing problems of growth and development. Concepts of international trade theory. Nations and their comparative advantages. National accounts and balance of payments. Current international economic problems. Debt crisis and structural adjustment programmes.

**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**

Implications of feminist theories for International Relations. Gender in international relations theory. Gendered international organization. The International Planned Parenthood Federation. Women and political power. Interaction between men and women and the international system. International policies determining women's place in society. Women and armed conflicts. Women as international actors. Women and foreign policy.

**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.