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Foreign policy analysis and diplomacy 220 (IPL 220)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BAdmin <i>Public Management and International Relations</i> BA BA extended programme BA <i>Languages</i> BA <i>Law</i> BA <i>Philosophy, Politics and Economics</i> BPolSci <i>International Studies</i> BPolSci <i>Political Studies</i> BSocSci <i>Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies</i>
Service modules	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Prerequisites	PTO 101 (GS), IPL 210(GS)
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

Foreign policy and diplomacy

A short introduction to the study of foreign policy is followed by an explanation of the use of the comparative and case study methods as frameworks for foreign policy analysis and evaluation. This allows for the comparative study of the foreign policies of selected states from the major regions of the world, amongst others of South African foreign policy. In each case study the policy environment, the formulation and implementation processes, as well as the substance of the particular state's foreign policy are covered. Thereafter the focus narrows to diplomacy: the oldest, most versatile and universally used instrument of foreign policy. The nature, history, modes of diplomacy and legal framework of the institution are explored. Examples are drawn from global practice, with specific consideration of the evolution of diplomatic practice within the African and South African context. This module also includes a simulation component, such as the Model United Nations Debate (MUN).



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