

**Master of Diplomatic Studies**  
**[MDiplomatic Studies] (Code: 01250403)**

**Programme Manager:**

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**Admission Requirements:**

- An honours degree in Political Sciences or directly related fields (or a related university degree with sufficient relevant work experience in the diplomatic field; with the approval of UP Senate).
- An average of 65% is required in this degree for admission to this programme.

**Additional Requirements:**

- NB: Prospective students to Masters by research are also required to submit a research plan for admission purposes, and to enable them to reach the desired level of study.

Please refer to the GUIDELINES FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS - MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL STUDIES 2020 – Point 6: Department of Political Sciences website.

([http://www.up.ac.za/media/shared/85/ZP\\_Resources/2018manddguidelines.zp122328.pdf](http://www.up.ac.za/media/shared/85/ZP_Resources/2018manddguidelines.zp122328.pdf)).

- Please email the research plan to Mr Anthony Bizos ([anthony.bizos@up.ac.za](mailto:anthony.bizos@up.ac.za)) separate to the full application done via the University website ([www.up.ac.za](http://www.up.ac.za)). See the Departmental website for further requirements/procedure.
- An acceptable level of proficiency in English is required.

**Note:**

At least two core modules have to be taken during the first semester. Students may, with the approval of the programme manager, replace at most one core module with an appropriate module of the same credit value from another discipline. This programme is not presented through telematic or distance education.

## **MDIPS 2020: 4x Coursework Modules (Dip 872, Dip 877, PTO 871, Dip 878)**

### **DIP 872 Diplomatic Practice**

**Contact time:** 1 lpw

**Period of presentation:** Semester 1 or Semester 2

**Language of tuition:** English      **Credits:** 30

**Module content:**

An introduction and advanced analysis is provided of global diplomatic practice, one of the most important institutionalised activities within the international system. The focus is predominantly state-centric, although the growing impact of non-state entities on the form and substance of diplomacy is accommodated. Aspects such as the evolution, modes, styles, legal framework and institutions of diplomacy are investigated, as well as the specific roles and functions of diplomats and emerging areas of diplomatic specialisation. An African perspective on all of the above is prioritised.

### **DIP 877 Diplomatic Theory**

**Contact time:** 1 lpw

**Period of presentation:** Semester 1 or Semester 2

**Language of tuition:** English      **Credits:** 30

**Module content:**

An introduction to and analysis of diplomatic theory, defined as systematic reflection on diplomatic ideas, activities and issues. Such reflection has historical, conceptual and normative elements that by nature pertain to diplomatic practice as empirical referent. This involves the critical examination of key assumptions on diplomacy. On the one hand, since diplomatic ideas inevitably reflect broader international relations theories and since the modern diplomat should have some understanding of the latter, attention is given to these. On the other hand, on a *capita selecta* basis, attention is paid to theoretical perspectives on issues that appear on the global diplomatic agenda.

### **PTO 871 Mediation in African Conflicts**

**Contact time:** 1 lpw

**Period of presentation:** Semester 1 or Semester 2

**Language of tuition:** English

**Credits:** 30

**Module content:**

The module aims to develop an advanced understanding of the key academic and policy debates regarding international mediation; to explore both the theory and the practice of mediation; and to develop strategising skills for peacemaking. The focus is on mediation undertaken by the United Nations, the African Union and subregional bodies in major conflicts in Africa.

**DIP 878 Methodology of Diplomatic Studies****Contact time:** 1 lpw**Period of presentation:** Semester 1 or Semester 2**Language of tuition:** English**Credits:** 30**Module content:**

Using appropriate methodological approaches and research methods, aspects of the diplomatic theory and diplomatic practice modules are applied to specific diplomatic case studies and issues of international and transnational importance. In addition to the emphasis of methodology and selected research methods, attention is also paid to the development, structure and writing of research reports in the field of diplomatic studies. The outcome of this module is an approved research proposal on a diplomatic theme for the mini-dissertation that also complies with ethical guidelines.

**MDIPS 2020: Independent research project: Dip 895 (second semester of first year)****DIP 895 Mini-dissertation: Diplomatic studies 895****Period of presentation:** Semester 1 and Semester 2**Language of tuition:** English**Credits:** 60**Module content:**

A mini-dissertation based on independent research done by the student in the broad field of diplomacy, is written under the guidance of a supervisor.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.up.ac.za/en/political-sciences/article/2506568/masters-and-phdapplications-2018>