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International relations 220 (IPL 220)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module credits 20.00

Programmes [BAdmin Public Management and International Relations](#)

[BA](#)

[BA Languages](#)

[BA Law](#)

[BPolSci International Studies](#)

[BPolSci Political Studies](#)

[BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies](#)

[BSocSci Philosophy, Politics and Economics](#)

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 method and a framework for foreign policy analysis and evaluation. This allows for a 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.

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