

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

Diplomatic theory 877 (DIP 877)

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| Qualification | Postgraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Humanities |
| Module credits | 30.00 |
| Programmes | MA Diplomatic Studies (Coursework) |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Academic organisation | Political Sciences |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |

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.

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