

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

Diplomatic practice 872 (DIP 872)

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| Qualification | Postgraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Humanities |
| Module credits | 30.00 |
| NQF Level | 09 |
| Programmes | MA Diplomatic Studies (Coursework) |
| Prerequisites | No prerequisites. |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Political Sciences |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 or Semester 2 |

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, and in this regard specific emphasis is placed on mediation - a diplomatic mode and specialisation that is crucial within the context of African diplomatic practice.

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