

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

Diplomatic practice 872 (DIP 872)

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 such as defence diplomacy. An African perspective on all of the above is prioritised, and in this regard specific emphasis is placed on negotiation - a diplomatic mode and specialisation that is crucial within the context of African diplomatic practice.

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