

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## MA specialising in Diplomatic Studies (Coursework) (01250409)

**Department** Political Sciences

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 180

**NQF level** 09

### Admission requirements

1. Honours degree in Political Sciences  
or  
A relevant honours degree
2. A cumulative weighted average of at least 65% for the honours degree
3. Sufficient relevant work experience in the diplomatic field

Note:

1. An admissions essay/entrance examination may be required
2. Additional work/modules may be required in order to reach the desired level of competency
3. Applicants with a weighted average of between 60% and 64% for the honours degree, might be considered for admissions via the RPL process (Refer to the UP General Academic Regulations and Student Rules G55)

### Other programme-specific information

Three core modules have to be taken during the first semester of study.

Students may, with the approval of the programme manager, replace at most one core module with DIP 876 Diplomacy and international studies or an appropriate MA Coursework level module of the same credit value that is presented in the Department.

## Curriculum: Final year

### Core modules

Diplomatic practice 872 (DIP 872) - Credits: 30.00

Diplomacy and international studies 876 (DIP 876) - Credits: 30.00

Diplomatic theory 877 (DIP 877) - Credits: 30.00

Methodology of diplomatic studies 878 (DIP 878) - Credits: 30.00

Mini-dissertation: Diplomatic studies 895 (DIP 895) - Credits: 60.00

Mediation in African conflicts 871 (PTO 871) - Credits: 30.00

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### General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

### Regulations, degree requirements and information

The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

### University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.