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ADVANCED DIPLOMA and LICENCIATE
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DIPLOMATIC STUDIES & DIPLOMATIC
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FOREWORD

The Diplomatic Council, Oxford, offers advanced and interdisciplinary instruction in diplomatic studies by distance-education, providing a unique and cost effective educational programme for individuals interested in contemporary diplomatic practice. The Diplomatic Council's distance-learning Advanced Diploma and Licenciate, is an original programme designed to meet the needs of those who have limited time, due to work and other commitments, to embark on long, residential training programmes in Diplomacy. It is able to accomplish this because of our considerable experience in designing and executing a number of custom-made training programmes for middle to higher ranking officials.

The Diplomacy and Diplomatic and Consular Law and Practice Programme is aimed for individuals engaged in, or planning a career within international relations and diplomacy, or as a member of an international organisation or NGO. The programme is also an exciting opportunity for those individuals who are not engaged in professional diplomacy but desire an in-depth exposure to, and tuition in statecraft.

As a provider of highly qualified teaching and training personnel, we are able to draw on our pool of expertise to advise on different aspects of the development of curricula for diplomat academies as well as human resources training for public administration.

If you are seeking a professional, accredited educational programme in diplomacy and diplomatic law, which you can study anywhere you are at your leisure, please forward your application to us.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Diplomatic Council, Oxford in the near future.

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Accreditation and Institutional Links

All the programmes of the Diplomatic Council are nationally accredited by the Open and Distance Education Quality Council (ODLQC) and British Accreditation Council (BAC), London.

Additionally, the Council is an Institutional Member of International Council for Open and Distance Education and a Corporate Member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, London.

Application Procedure

Applications to the programme may be submitted at any time of the year.

Finance

Please refer to the current Annual Fee Schedule available from the Registrar, the Diplomatic Council.





SPECIAL FEATURES

The Diplomatic Council's 9 months - 1-year educational programmes are distance-education courses.

Typically, on successful application to the courses, a candidate will receive the first module folder, a diplomatic dictionary and the study guide by courier or airmail. The candidate will then liaise with his or her tutor by email, fax, letter and telephone whilst reading the course. At the completion of a module, an essay is set by the tutor which aims to examine the candidate on the module. After every module is complete, a new module is despatched to the candidate. The candidate may also prefer to have all modules despatched on registration for the programme, in order to work on several courses simultaneously.

English Language Ability

All the distance-education programmes of the Diplomatic Council are in the English language. Applicants should have a good standard of English. An applicant who does not satisfy this requirement will have grave difficulties completing our programme. The Diplomatic Council can arrange for a candidate wishing to improve his or her English, to attend a 1 month to 6 months intensive English language residential course in Oxford.

Short and Special Programmes

The Diplomatic Council, Oxford, can arrange short and special programmes in Diplomacy, European Law, International Human Rights, Diplomacy and Lobbying of the EU, for individuals and groups.

Distance-learning packages and on-site seminars can also be tailor-made and delivered in foreign languages including Arabic, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Oxford Residential Seminars

The Diplomatic Council offers short-term residential seminars in Oxford and internationally. The seminars are conducted by experts on subjects within diplomacy, diplomatic and consular law, international human rights law and practice and European Union law and lobbying issues.

PROGRAMME CONTENT

- International Law & Diplomatic Relations
- Consular Law and Practice
- The Practice of Diplomacy
- Elective modules:
 - Diplomatic History
 - Diplomacy and Lobbying in the European Union
 - European Union Institutions & Law
 - International Human Rights

A Candidate for the Advanced Diploma or Licenciante will select the three compulsory modules and one other module from the elective courses above.

International Law and Diplomatic Relations

This module is suitable for those without a legal background. It is written by the Diplomatic Council's lecturers to provide an excellent introduction to international law and diplomatic relations.

The module includes:

An introduction to international law
Opening of diplomatic relations and establishment of diplomatic missions
Diplomatic functions and members of the mission
Inviolability, immunity and privileges
Protocol and procedure

Consular Law and Practice

The core theme of this module is the practice of a consular post. The course is designed to offer candidates with no or limited background in consular matters the opportunity to gain a good understanding of the functions required at a consular post and to equip participants with the basic skills to be able to understand the internal management of a consular section, or honorary consulate.

The central issues include:

Brief history of consular posts
1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations
Establishment of consular posts & appointment of the consular officer
Consular functions: practical examples
Privileges, facilities and immunities
Severance of consular relations
Honorary consular officers and posts headed by honorary staff

The Practice of Diplomacy

This module consists of five parts:

The organisation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The diplomatic mission: administration & co-ordination
Diplomacy in practice
Multilateral negotiation, the UN, trade and foreign policy
International organisations

Modern diplomatic practice is explored within the context of globalisation. The organisation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is analysed together with foreign policy assessments. The internal management of embassies is detailed including accounts, trade and economic section, cultural and educational attaches, specialist attaches including armed services attaches, press, media and information sections, diplomatic correspondence. The diplomatic practice information covers negotiation, multilateral negotiation, treaty negotiation, the role of international organisations, interaction with the press, entertaining and hospitality.

European Diplomatic History

This module addresses European diplomatic history since the 1815 Congress of Vienna through to the post-Cold War period. Regional history modules are also offered, including African Diplomatic History.

The course includes:

The challenges of revolution & war
The challenge of nationalism
The Congress of Berlin
The diplomacy of war
Imperialism & World War I
The Peace Conference of Paris & early international law
The League of Nations
Foreign policies of Germany and Russia
Collective security issues and diplomacy by conference
The Cold War & East-West bloc groupings

International Human Rights

This module takes a practical approach to international human rights with a comprehensive introduction to the broad scope of international human rights law. The practical approach offers candidates an understanding of the workings of human rights protection and presents a useful analysis of controversial issues including indigenous peoples, rights of women and children, international terrorism and crimes against the Dignity of Mankind.

The module includes:

International law and human rights
The UN System and the modern human rights regime
Regional protection of human rights
The African Charter on Human and People's Rights
European human rights
The Inter-American system for the protection of human rights
Human rights monitoring & practice aspects: taking a case to a commission or a court

Diplomacy and Lobbying in the European Union

This course has been developed for those candidates who may be working in Brussels, Belgium, or in a European Union country, and who seek a comprehensive understanding of the Brussels lobbying process. Within the module, an analysis of the main EU institutions is undertaken, their role, the EU decision-making process in detail, why diplomats lobby, the lobbying process, the regulation of lobbying and examples of lobbying practice. The EU budgetary line is explored, access to EU funding matters, ECHO, the External Affairs Directorate, the EU External Representation Offices, and the various European agencies and international organisations role are examined including the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and relevant conventions including Lome and Cotonou.

European Institutions and Law

This course provides a background to the study of the European Union from a legal vantage point. It is aimed at embassy personnel in legal posts, or individuals in public administration and lawyers who need a comprehensive background to the European Union and all the institutions as well as a reference legal volume on the European Union.

The course includes:

The three foundation communities, the European Monetary System, economic and monetary union, monetary organisations, the constitution, the European Commission, the Parliament, the legislative process, the Council of Europe, the various courts: ECJ, Court of First Instance, Court of Auditors, ECHR, the European political process, sources of Community law, the supremacy of Community law, using Community law before national courts, the single and internal market, tariff and non-tariff barriers, fiscal measures, social barriers, harmonisation of laws, customs duties and internal taxation, free movement of capital, free movement of workers, common policies of the Union.

The Advanced Diploma and the Licenciata

In Diplomacy, Diplomatic and Consular Law and Practice

The programme of both qualifications require the taking of 4 modules.

The Licenciata is a higher level qualification which may be taken by candidates graduating from the Advanced Diploma. It requires the completion of a dissertation of 15,000 – 20,000 words length relating to diplomacy or any subject matter of the modules the candidate has studied.

The Licenciata provides the opportunity for candidates to write further on a subject in depth on which they may have expertise or interest. Please refer to the Candidate's Handbook available from the Registrar, or, on our website: www.diplomatic-council.com