Diploma in Diplomatic Studies

Catalogue of Study Units

YEAR I

Code       DST 1001
Title      International Relations and Diplomacy
Module Type Lectures
ECTS Credits 8
Method of Assessment Presentation (25%) and Exam (75%)
Attendance  Compulsory
Lecturer/s:  Prof. Stephen Calleya

Description

The study-unit provides a survey and analysis of the principal theoretical approaches to the discipline of international relations, and relates them to current policy issues. The study-unit begins by looking at traditional approaches to international relations, which tend to focus on problems of international security. It will do so by looking at the Realist and Liberalist schools of thought, with particular reference to the Realist-Idealist controversy. The study-unit will then broaden its scope and examine the concept of foreign policy making, diplomacy, power politics, the causes of war, the role of international institutions, aspects of international political economy, North-South relations and conclude with an assessment of international relations theory and the global future.

The aim of this study-unit is to introduce students to a broad range of theoretical perspectives in international relations. In this way the study-unit aims also to give students a grasp of the most important theoretical debates and issues in the contemporary discipline of international relations. In addition, the study-unit will also enhance the students’ general analytical abilities, study skills, organisational skills, and writing skills.

Contents (1st Semester)

- General Introduction: Outline and Objectives
- Theories of International Relations I (Realist Thought and Neorealist Theory)
- Theories of International Relations II (Liberalism and Rival Theories)
- The State System
- The International System
- Foreign Policy Making
- The Role of Diplomacy
- The Concept of Power
- Causes of War and the Use of Force
- Global Political Economy
- North-South Relations
- International Relations Theory and the Global Future on the Cusp of a New Century
Contents (2nd Semester)

During the 2nd semester the study-unit will examine current issues of International Politics. It will consist of case studies and presentations on topics dealing with contemporary international issues.

- Procedure of presentation:
  Prepare: (a) an oral presentation of about 15min;
  (b) a type-written handout that contains:
  (i) an approx. 1 page outline of the topic;
  (ii) a short list of bibliographic references

Not mandatory, but encouraged is:
  (a) Use of overhead projector;
  (b) Distribution of texts (primary sources) that are essentials

- The Euro-Mediterranean Process
- The Socio-Economic dimension of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership/The Charter for Peace and Stability
- Geopolitical Trends Across the Middle East
- The Israeli-Palestinian Track/The role of the EU and the USA in the Middle East
- Geopolitical Trends across the Maghreb
- Euro-Maghreb Relations
- Geopolitical Trends Across the Balkans
- The Stability Pact for the Balkans
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Actions
- Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Intervention
- An EU Security Policy and EU Enlargement
- Peaceful Settlement of Disputes
- The Case of Kosovo
- Transatlantic Relations – the Case of NATO
- Terrorism in contemporary international relations
- The Roles of NATO, the OSCE and the WEU in the Mediterranean
- Regionalism in the Mediterranean

Literature

• Garnett, “States, State-Centric Perspectives, and Interdependence” in Baylis and Renegger, Dilemmas of World Politics
• Wright, Robert and Kaplan, Rober, “Mr Order Meets Mr Chaos”, Foreign Policy, May/June 2001.
Code: DST 1009
Title: International Economic Theory
Module Type: Lectures
ECTS Credits: 8
Method of Assessment: Presentation (25%) and Exam (75%)
Attendance: Compulsory
Lecturer/s: Dr John Consiglio

Description

This study-unit aims to give the students an initial basic familiarity with economics; make them familiar with the way economists think and expose their positions on national and international issues; and enthuse students towards a critical assessment and absorption of media treatment of economic topics.

Contents

- Economics: Definitional and Area Coverage Issues
- Scarcity, Choice, and the Economic Problem
- Basic History of Economic Thought
- Supply and Demand Analysis
- Theory of Value and Cost
- Theory of Production
- Division of the Labour and Specialisation
- Labour Markets
- Land and Economic Rent
- Capital
- Enterprise
- Markets: Competition and Monopoly
- Size and Location of Firms
- Business Organisation and Structure

Literature

- Other materials as recommended from time to time by Course Lecturer from professional journals and other media sources.
Description

The aim of this study unit is to introduce the student to the basic concepts in International Law. The nature of international law as well as its sources is given particular attention in the first year of the course. At the end of the first year the student should have acquired the necessary knowledge to be able to analyse specific topics in international law dealt with in the course of the second year.

Contents

- Origins, Nature and Basis of Public International Law
- Sources of International Law
- The Subjects of International Law
- International Legal Personality
- The Relationship between International and Municipal Law
- State Jurisdiction
- State Responsibility
- Immunity from Jurisdiction – Diplomatic Law

Literature

General Text Books
- O’Connell, D.P. - International Law (2 vols.)

Periodicals
- American Journal of International Law
- European Journal of International Law
- International and Comparative Law Quarterly
- British Yearbook of International Law

Cases and Materials
- Reports of the International Court of Justice
- International Law Reports
- International Legal Materials
• Brownlie, I. - Basic Documents in International Law
• Harris, D.J. - Cases and Materials on International Law
Code: DST 1004  
Title: Supervised Individual Project I  
Module Type: Project  
ECTS Credits: 8  
Method of Assessment: Project  
Attendance: Compulsory  
Lecturer/s: Various

Description

Students shall write an essay of not more than five thousand (5,000) words on a subject falling within one of the fields of study (International Relations/International Economics/International Law). Students shall submit the title of the long essay by the end of January. The essay shall have to be submitted on or before the end of May and shall be graded A, B, C, D or F with A being the highest grade and F indicating a Fail.
Year Two

Code   DST 1005
Title   International Relations and Diplomacy
Module Type   Lectures
ECTS Credits   8
Method of Assessment   Presentation (25%) and Exam (75%)
Attendance   Compulsory
Lecturer/s:   Prof. Stephen Calleya
Prerequisite:   DST1001, DST1009, DST1003, DST1004

Description

During the 1st Semester the seminar is in the form of a lecture and a discussion. This study-unit follows on from the Certificate programme offered by MEDAC and provides a survey and analysis of the principal theoretical approaches to the discipline of international relations. The study-unit begins by looking at contemporary issues in international relations, with a particular focus on problems of international security. It will do so by looking at the Realist and Liberalist schools of thought, with particular reference to the Realist-Idealist controversy. The study-unit will then broaden its scope and examine the concepts of regionalism, international security, foreign policy making and Globalization, diplomacy, power politics, confidence building, early warning and conflict prevention, the role of international institutions, the international political economy, North-South relations and conclude with an assessment of international relations theory and the global future.

The aim of this study-unit is therefore to strengthen student’s understanding of international relations. In this way the study-unit aims to give students a grasp of the most important theoretical debates and issues in the contemporary discipline of international relations. In addition, the study-unit will also enhance the students’ general analytical abilities, study skills, organisational skills, and writing skills.

Content (1st Semester)

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Content (2nd Semester)

During the 2nd Semester this study-unit will examine current issues of International Politics. It will consist of case studies and presentations on topics dealing with contemporary international issues.

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  (a) an oral presentation of about 15min;  
  (c) a type-written handout that contains:  
  (i) an approx. 1 page outline of the topic;  
  (ii) a short list of bibliographic references

Not mandatory, but encouraged is:
  (c) Use of overhead projector;  
  (d) Distribution of texts (primary sources) that are essentials

- Threats to Regional Security: Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: Arms Races and Arms Transfers in the Mediterranean Area
- Definition of Regional Security in the post-cold War World: The Cyprus Question
- Geopolitical Trends Across the Maghreb: The Agadir Declaration and Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements
- Human Right Concerns: Ethnic Relations in the Mediterranean Area
- Conflict Prevention and Peace-Making: Achieving a Permanent Peace in Afghanistan
- The Peaceful Settlement of Disputes: The Case of Kashmir and India/Pakistan Relations
- United States Foreign Policy Making After September 11th, 2001: What Implications?
- The Relevance of Sanctions: Social, Economic, Political and Legal Analysis of International Sanctions: the case of Libya
- European Security Institutions: Nato’s Mediterranean Dialogue

Literature

• “Measuring Globalization” Foreign Policy, January/February 2001.
• “The New Geopolitics”, The Economist, July 31st 1999 (Special Section).
• Wright, Robert and Kaplan, Rober, “Mr Order Meets Mr Chaos”, Foreign Policy, May/June 2001.
• The United States: Halcyon Days in a Year of Crisis, (1999), Strategic Survey, 1998/99
• Freedom’s Journey (A Survey of the 20th Century), The Economist, September 11, 1999
Code: DST 1010
Title: Macro and International Economics
Module Type: Lectures
ECTS Credits: 8
Method of Assessment: Presentation (25%) and Exam (75%)
Attendance: Compulsory
Lecturer/s: Dr John Consiglio
Prerequisite: DST1001, DST1009, DST1003, DST1004

Description

• Basic Keynesian and Monetarist Macroeconomic Theory
• Industrial Combinations – Large and small firms
• Trade Unions and Labour Issues
• Demography Issues
• National Income Theory
• Public Finance
• Taxation and Borrowing
• Economic System Ideologies
• Monopolies and Unemployment
• Money and Banking
• Theory of International Trade
• Balance of Trade
• Foreign Exchange and Exchange Rate Theory
• Development Economics Issues

Literature

• Other books, journal articles and media materials as recommended from time to time by course lecturer.
Objectives

The aim of this study unit is to examine some specific topics in International Law. The selected topics focus on the law of the sea, the humanitarian dimension of International Law as well as the Diplomatic Law. Through this study unit the student should gain an appreciation of how International Law touches upon diverse aspects of international life.

Contents

- The Law of Treaties
- Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities
- Immunities of States
- Law of the Sea
- International Human Rights Law
- Humanitarian Law

Literature

General Text Books

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**Description**

Students shall write a research paper of not more than fifteen thousand (15,000) words, falling within one of the fields of study (International Relations/International Economics/International Law) approved by the Director. The title of the Research paper must be submitted by the end of January. The research paper shall be examined separately and must be submitted by the end of May. The research paper shall be graded A, B, C, D or F with A being the highest grade and F indicating a Fail.