

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7149PS
Formal Module Title	Theory and Practice of Modern Diplomacy
Owning School	Justice Studies
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Justice Studies

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	48

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
APR-MTP	MTP	April	12 Weeks
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks
SEP_NS-MTP	MTP	September (Non-standard start date)	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module has four principal aims: It examines the historical emergence and development of modern diplomacy. It explores the theory and practice of both bilateral diplomacy, focusing on the functions of embassies and foreign ministries, and multilateral diplomacy. It evaluates the impact of the revolution in communications and information technology and rapid air travel on these institutions. It analyses the significance of nongovernmental organisations, transnational corporations and other non-state actors and examines their interaction with states in bilateral and multilateral settings.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key actors, institutions and processes of modern diplomacy.
MLO2	2	Critically evaluate the importance of diplomacy in world politics and explain the changing nature of diplomatic institutions and processes.
MLO3	3	Critically analyse the relationships between states, international organisations and non-state actors in explaining outcomes in contemporary international relations.
MLO4	4	Critically apply their resulting analytical expertise to write and comment with authority on the subject of diplomacy in contemporary world politics.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The historical origins and evolution of diplomacy; the institutions of modern diplomacy (foreign ministries and permanent missions); the changing nature of embassies and other diplomatic missions; diplomatic privileges and responsibilities; diplomacy and espionage; negotiation in theory and practice; crisis diplomacy; multilateral and conference diplomacy; shuttle and summit diplomacy; the rise of e-diplomacy; public and cultural diplomacy; the diplomatic roles of non-state actors.
Module Overview	
Additional Information	Diplomatic studies is concerned with patterns of international communication, negotiation and representation and explores the actors, processes and institutions through which attempts are made to manage the international system and deal with global problems by peaceful means. In the modern era the theory and practice of diplomacy has been structured around key institutions, such as resident embassies, foreign ministries and international organisations, and the formal procedures and practices that have developed around them. But some theorists and practitioners have argued that faster travel, the revolution in information and communications technology and the rising importance of non-state actors have rendered the formal institutions of diplomacy less important, if not obsolete. This module will examine this central debate about the theory and practice of diplomacy in the twenty-first century.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	1400 word Portfolio	20	0	MLO1
Essay	3500 word Essay	80	0	MLO4, MLO3, MLO2, MLO1

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Ann Stevens	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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