



SYLLABUS PRATICAL DIPLOMACY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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| Title | Practical Diplomacy |
| Credit | 3 ECTS |
| Lecturer | Ambassador Raul Mälk. Ambassador-at-Large for Baltic Sea Region Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Estonia |
| Language | English |
| Classroom work | 16 academic hours |
| Independent work | 62 academic hours |
| Mode of examination | written exam (multiple-choice answers test and open questions) |
| Annotation | General purpose of the course is to give to the students a general overview of the modern practical diplomacy, it is about how the things are done in everyday Diplomacy, not about why or concrete results. For more experienced participants it is also an opportunity to compare different practices and methods of their respective MFAs. |

LIST OF LECTURED TOPICS

- 1. Introduction. History (3h)**
- 2. Legal basis, International Law, Treaties (1h)**
- 3. Organisation of the Diplomacy. Foreign Ministry. (2h)**
- 4. Foreign (bilateral) representations and their work. (2h)**
- 5. Diplomacy in specific areas- economic, consular etc (1h)**
- 6. Conference Diplomacy (1h)**
- 7. Permanent representations. (1h)**
- 8. Organizing negotiations (1h)**
- 9. Diplomatic actions. (1h)**
- 10. Meetings and visits (2h)**
- 11. Documentation and information. Work of a Diplomat. (1h)**



LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successfully completing the course, the students will:

- a) have good knowledge of the general organisational build-up, rules and practices of modern Diplomacy;
- b) be able to analyse external activities of different countries;
- c) use basic knowledge of diplomatic methods in their everyday work;

STUDY MATERIALS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

1. Basic reading:

The course slides prepared by the lecturer

G.R.Berridge Diplomacy. Theory and Practice, Palgrave Macmillan, 5th Edition, 2015- the principal textbook

Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961

[http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/\(httpAssets\)/7F83006DA90AAE7FC1256F260034B806/\\$file/Vienna%20Convention%20\(1961\)%20-%20E.pdf](http://www.unog.ch/80256EDD006B8954/(httpAssets)/7F83006DA90AAE7FC1256F260034B806/$file/Vienna%20Convention%20(1961)%20-%20E.pdf)

Futures for diplomacy 2012 report from Clingendael

Digital Diplomacy in the Digital Age, Brian Hocking and Jan Melissen, Clingendael July 2015

Future FCO, FCO report 2016

Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character, 1975

http://legal.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/conventions/5_1_1975.pdf

Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963

<http://www.fuech.eu/pdf/viennaconvention.pdf>

2. Additional reading:

K.Hamilton and R.Langhorne The Practice of Diplomacy. Its evolution, Theory and Administration, Routledge, 2010 – deeper overview of history for those who are interested to know more

R.G.Feltham Diplomatic Handbook, Eighth Edition, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2004 – classic textbook, a little bit old fashioned now

The Oxford Handbook of Modern Diplomacy, Edited by Andrew F.Cooper, Jorge Heine and Ramesh Thakur, Oxford University Press, 2013, selected chapters

21st Century Diplomacy. A Practitioner's Guide, Kishan S.Rana, Continuum, 2011, selected chapters



Foreign Relations Act of Estonia

Foreign Service Act of Estonia

3. **Some useful sources and websites:** additional material will be recommended during the lectures