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Objectives

The six objectives of this program are:

• Interdisciplinary Understanding: Provide you with an interdisciplinary understanding of key concepts, theories, and debates in international affairs, drawing from various disciplines such as law, economics, and area studies.

• In-depth Knowledge: You are expected to gain in-depth knowledge of international policy debates and principal issues from perspectives of both the global North and South.

• Critical Analysis Skills: Develop your ability to undertake critical analysis of contemporary international policy issues and challenges, fostering a deep understanding of complex global dynamics•

"These, then, are the qualities of my ideal diplomatist. Truth, accuracy, calm, patience, good temper, modesty and loyalty. and mutual prosperity.""

- Sir Harold Nicolson, *Diplomacy* (1939)

Objectives

- Practical Skills Development: You are expected to acquire practical skills such as policy analysis, policy advocacy, negotiation and mediation, enhancing their ability to engage effectively in diplomatic contexts

- Professional Preparation: Prepare you for careers in international relations and diplomacy by offering a curriculum that aligns with the demands of the field, ensuring graduates are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills

- Global Perspective: By offering a wide range of courses covering international politics, security, development, human rights, international law and more, the program aims to provide you with a global perspective essential for navigating the complexities of international relations

""Global cooperation and dialogue ensure peace and universal prosperity.""

- Dr. Musyoki Musyoka, Head of Post-Graduate Studies at ATU

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COURSE SYLLABUS

YEAR 1, SEM 1

INTRODUCTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY

This course delves into the fundamental theories and concepts of international relations, exploring various perspectives such as realism, liberalism, constructivism, and critical theories. Students will analyze how these theoretical frameworks help explain global interactions, power dynamics, and the behavior of states and non-state actors in the international system.

THEORY AND PRACTICE OF DIPLOMACY

Students will examine the principles, techniques, and evolution of diplomacy. The course covers the roles and functions of diplomats, diplomatic communication, negotiation strategies, and the impact of cultural, economic, and political factors on diplomatic practices. Case studies and simulations provide practical insights into diplomatic processes.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & THE UN

This course studies the structure, functions, and impact of international organizations, with a particular focus on the United Nations. Students will explore the roles of these organizations in promoting global cooperation, addressing international conflicts, and managing global issues such as development, health, and human rights.

GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS & CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

Froviding skills and strategies for effective negotiation and conflict resolution, this course emphasizes practical applications in international contexts. Students will learn negotiation techniques, conflict analysis, mediation processes, and how to manage complex international disputes through case studies and simulations.

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COURSE SYLLABUS

YEAR 1, SEM 2

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Covering the principles and rules of international law, this course examines how international law governs relations between states and other international actors. Topics include the sources of international law, treaty law, human rights law, the law of armed conflict, and the resolution of international disputes.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Exploring global security issues, this course covers threats such as terrorism, nuclear proliferation, cyber warfare, and environmental security. Students will examine strategies for maintaining international peace and security, the role of international organizations, and the impact of security policies on global stability.

HUMANITARIAN ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Exploring the intersection of international politics and humanitarianism, this course examines how states, international organizations, and NGOs respond to humanitarian crises. Topics include conflict resolution, refugee protection, human rights advocacy, and the politics of international aid.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & THE AU

Covering the principles and rules of international law, this course examines how international law governs relations between states and other international actors. Topics include the sources of international law, treaty law, human rights law, the law of armed conflict, and the resolution of international disputes.

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COURSE SYLLABUS

YEAR 2, SEM 1

CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN DIPLOMACY

Addressing modern issues facing diplomacy, this course covers topics such as technological advancements, cyber diplomacy, global health crises, climate change, and non-state actors. Students will analyze how these challenges are reshaping diplomatic practices and the implications for international relations.

POLITICS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

Focusing on the political landscape of the Horn of Africa, this course investigates historical and contemporary issues affecting the region. Topics include state formation, ethnic conflicts, governance challenges, and regional cooperation. Students will explore the roles of local, regional, and international actors in shaping the politics of the Horn of Africa

DIPLOMACY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

This course focuses on the unique diplomatic challenges and strategies in the Middle East. Students will study regional conflicts, peace processes, and the roles of local and international actors. Key issues include the Arab-Israeli conflict, Gulf diplomacy, and the impact of geopolitical shifts on regional stability.

COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY

This course offers a comparative analysis of the foreign policies of different countries. Students will study the formulation, objectives, and outcomes of various national foreign policies, comparing how different states approach international issues, strategic interests, and bilateral and multilateral relationships.

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COURSE SYLLABUS

YEAR 2, SEM 2

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Teaching research techniques and methodologies, this course prepares students for conducting academic research in international relations and diplomacy. Topics include research design, qualitative and quantitative methods, data collection and analysis, and ethical considerations in research.

DISSERTATION

Teaching research techniques and methodologies, this course prepares students for conducting academic research in international relations and diplomacy. Topics include research design, qualitative and quantitative methods, data collection and analysis, and ethical considerations in research.

Guest Lecturers for Sem 1

H.E.Ben Marc Diendere

Canada Ambassador to the African Union (2024)

Ambassador Diendéré has worked in the public and private sectors, at the cultural enterprises development society and international partnership.

He has been chair of the Board of Directors of UNICEF Canada since 2022, the University of Montréal's development committee since 2021 and the Montréal arts council since 2020. He has also been a member of Little Brothers since 2020, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the University of Montréal since 2014.

H.E. Adam Drury

UK Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the African Union (2024)

Ambassador Adam Drury joined the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office in 2010 and has worked on a range of international political and development issues, from UN peacekeeping reform to tackling serious and organised crime.

His most recent role before African Union (Ethiopia) was Rwanda Deputy High Commissioner, Africa Regional Department, supporting UK missions across the continent on anti-corruption, governance and security.

H.E. Joshua Tabah

Canada Ambassador to Ethiopia and Djibouti (2024)

Ambassador Joshua Tabah joined the Canadian International Development Agency in 2003. At Headquarters, he has worked on multilateral and humanitarian issues; and, most recently, as director general for health and nutrition, a role that included leading Canada's international assistance response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overseas, he served as head of cooperation at the Embassy to Colombia (2008 to 2012) and as counsellor for humanitarian affairs at the Permanent Mission in Geneva (2012 to 2016).

Guest Lecturers for Sem 1

H.E. Jorge Leferbe Nicholas

Ambassador Nicholas is the Cuba Ambassador to Ethiopia and South Sudan (August, 2024)

Throughout each semester, students will be expected to participate in seminars led by global diplomats who will speak on the issues discussed during classes. These diplomats will distill their knowledge, expertise, and experiences so as to provide real-world application of diplomatic practices, offer exposure to diverse cultural perspectives and deliver an interactive learning environment for discussions and feedback, and professional skill development in negotiation, conflict resolution, and effective communication.

These seminars will enrich your educational experience, bridging theory with practice and preparing you for successful careers in diplomacy and international relations

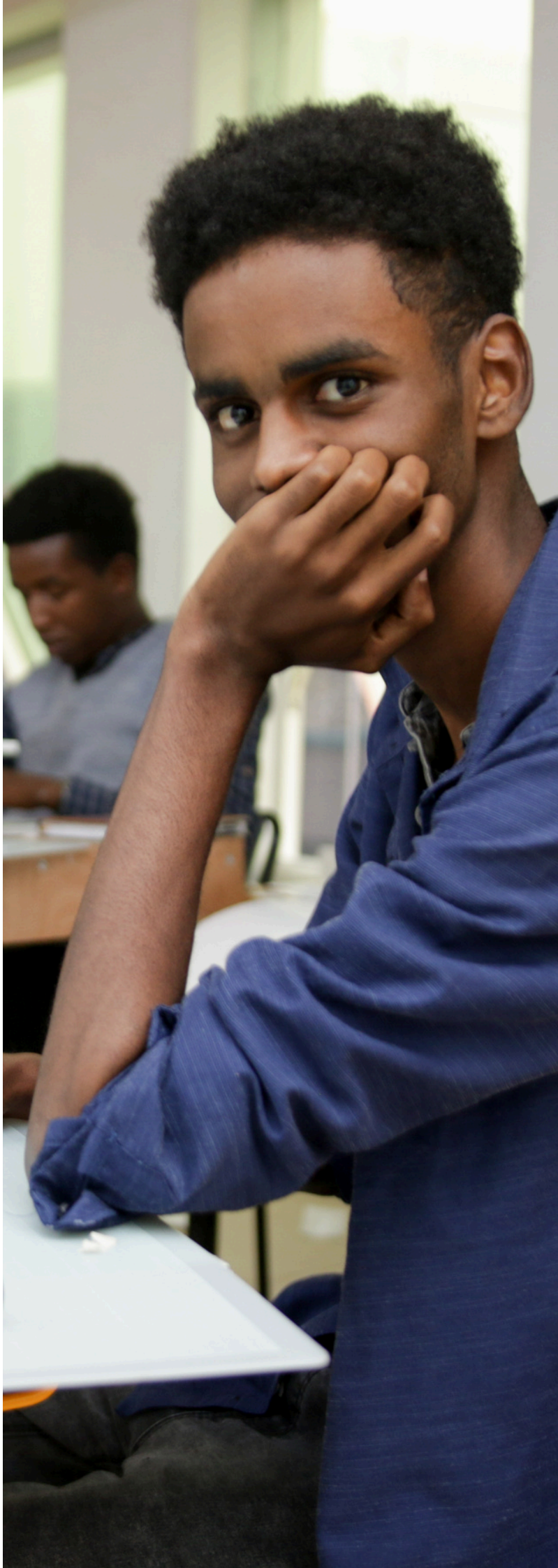
Learning Outcomes

Graduates will possess a comprehensive understanding of contemporary international relations from an interdisciplinary perspective, including key concepts, concerns, and theories.

Graduates will be able to apply contemporary theories of international relations to explain outcomes and events in world affairs, demonstrating a nuanced understanding of global dynamics and events

Graduates will demonstrate proficiency in key skills such as policy analysis, policy advocacy, negotiation and mediation, essential for success in the field of diplomacy.

Graduates will be able to ethically deliberate the varied impacts of policy decisions on diverse regions, populations, and stakeholders, fostering a sense of ethical responsibility in decision-making at national and international levels



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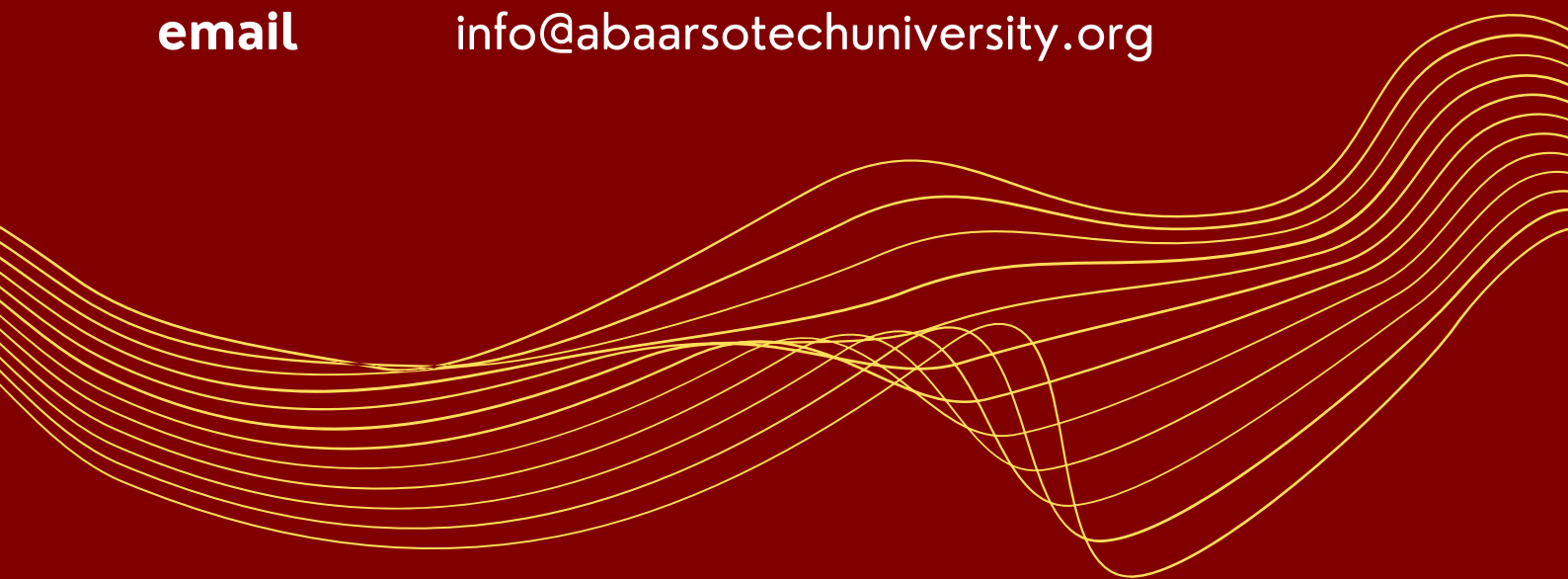
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