COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA4065 Crisis Diplomacy

Pre-requisites : HA2026

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

This course is an applied seminar for students aspiring to careers in foreign affairs. Through a series of simulations, discussions and lectures, you will become acquainted with the practice of statecraft and diplomacy on a practical level. From the perspective of policymakers, we will tackle several of the most pressing issues in contemporary international security, ranging from traditional security issues like inter-state and civil war, nuclear proliferation, and the rise of great powers to more non-traditional, newer issues like terrorism, climate change, and “human security.” You will explore the intricacies, challenges, and possibilities of diplomacy during international crises through an active learning approach using simulations. Any student interested in pursuing a career in statecraft and diplomacy would benefit from this class.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Explain the essentials of diplomacy and statecraft processes.
2. Identify how policymakers think about complex and multidimensional global issues.
3. Work in flexible, team-based environments to build negotiating skills.

Course Content

- Rational Actor Model
- Bureaucratic Politics Model
- Small Group Decision Making Model
- Elite Theory
- Diplomacy
- Statecraft
- United Nations
- Foreign Policy
- North Korean Nuclear Threat
- Humanitarian Intervention
- The Rise of China
- Resurgent Russia
- Climate Change

Course Assessment

Class Participation : 20%
In-class tests : 50%
Final paper : 30%
Total

100%