

SEMESTER V

GIR 3503 DIPLOMACY

Course Description

This paper offers an introduction to diplomacy, the motivations and strategies of states, the role of national leaders and diplomats in shaping and conducting the diplomatic relationships between countries. This paper also provides a clear understanding to the students on the origins and development diplomacy – messengers, envoys, missions and embassies, as well as ministries of foreign affairs, their tasks and duties, principles and tools etc. The paper will help students to gain an understanding of how states pursue their national interests in a complex and, occasionally, conflictual world and also, how cooperative decisions are made inside and outside institutional structures. Practical side of diplomacy is provided and the course explores how states strategize and negotiate with one another in order to achieve mutually desired goals is also the objective of this paper.

Course Outcomes

On completion of the course students would be able to achieve the following course outcomes:

- Students will understand the evolution of diplomatic processes through ancient, medieval and modern times.
- It will open them to the theoretical foundations of modern diplomacy, mainly realist and liberal theories.
- This course will help them understand the role of modern diplomacy in foreign policy and its efforts towards achieving world peace.
- The course will help them explore the different types of diplomacy and the contemporary relevance of each of those.
- The course will help them understand the role diplomats play in world affairs, including economic, social, cultural and technological spheres.
- It will help them gather a comprehensive view of the current international events, conferences, summits and conclaves on various issues.

Unit I: Diplomacy: Definition, Meaning and Nature; Diplomacy and International relations; Historical evolution of diplomacy – the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations; Nation States as Mainstay of Diplomatic Relations

Unit II: Modern Diplomacy and Theories of World Politics - Realism, Liberalism

Unit III: Diplomacy: objectives, techniques and functions; tasks of diplomacy; diplomacy and foreign policy; The Ministry of External Affairs; Embassies and Diplomats – role, classification and privileges; Envoys and Diplomatic Missions; Diplomatic Methods and Negotiations

Unit IV: Old and New Diplomacy – European Diplomacy – limitations, factors responsible for the rise of New Diplomacy; Types of Diplomacy: Open vs Secret Diplomacy; Summit Diplomacy; Conference diplomacy; Democratic Diplomacy, Totalitarian Diplomacy, Shopkeeper Diplomacy, Warrior Diplomacy, Consular diplomacy, International financial diplomacy, Public Diplomacy, People to People/ Citizen Diplomacy, Cyber-diplomacy, Celebrity Diplomacy, S&T diplomacy

Unit V: Economic Diplomacy – origin, strategies by the state; commercial diplomacy; role of NGOs, international organisations and bilateral-multilateral agreements; WTO

Unit VI: Diplomatic Laws: Sources of Diplomatic Law, Securities of diplomatic facilities, Diplomatic Immunity and Waiver of Immunity, Diplomatic Premises, Diplomatic Bag, Diplomatic Asylum; Challenges to Diplomacy and Diplomats; diplomacy in an era of communication revolution; Ethics in diplomacy;

Reading Materials

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