

SKSU 6224	DIPLOMACY: THEORY AND PRACTICE
Course Classification	Compulsory
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Synopsis

This course aims to discuss the major concepts and theories in the field of diplomacy and analyse its relevance to the realities of diplomatic practice. The scope of the course deals with the definition and concept of diplomacy, the origins and evolution of classical and modern diplomacy; instruments of foreign policy; coercive diplomacy and crisis management diplomacy; multilateral diplomacy and the role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security; comparison between public diplomacy and propaganda in the context of diplomatic communication; and the role of negotiation and mediation as diplomatic tools that facilitate conflict resolution. The role, functions, status and privileges of a diplomat are also given due consideration. Finally, the discussion will focus on the challenges for contemporary diplomatic theory and practice arising from globalisation and the ICT revolution.

Week	Topics
1	Introduction: Major Theories and Concepts in International Relations: Realism
2	Major Theories and Concepts in International Relations: Liberalism and Constructivism
3	History & Evolution of Diplomacy: Old and New Diplomacy
4	Instruments of Foreign Policy and the Functions of Diplomacy
5	Diplomacy, International Order, and International Security: The Role of International Organisations
6	The Organisation of Diplomacy: Protocol, Ceremony, Immunities and Privileges
7	Economic Diplomacy, Gunboat Diplomacy and Coercive Diplomacy
8	Diplomacy and Crisis Management
9	Public Diplomacy and Propaganda
10	Negotiation and Mediation
11	Diplomatic Communication
12	Diplomatic Theory and Practice in the Era of Globalisation
13	Roundtable Discussion
14	Revision & Conclusion