

## Courses

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The courses we offer in this program are specially designed and they focus on issues of global importance. Each course is both interactive and challenging. The transcripts are issued by Megatrend University of Applied Sciences, the oldest and the largest private university in South East Europe.

### Multiculturalism

This course reviews the main issues of multiculturalism and interactions in multicultural societies with a special focus on social scientific study of intercultural communication. There are three objectives to this course. The first is to introduce the student to several important theories of the process of communicating across cultural groups. The second is to examine examples of empirical research generated by these diverse perspectives. The third is to consider how this information can be applied in our personal and professional lives, with the goal of promoting positive intercultural interactions. This course is intended for undergraduate and graduate students, and involves a good deal of reading, writing and independent study (i.e., it is a heavy course load).

### Globalization and Development

The course on Globalization will provide an introduction to this phenomenon and analyze the most important spheres that are affected by this process. We will explore further the links between globalization, democracy and economic development. The process of globalization implies a growing transcendence of borders, with social relations becoming less linked to national and territorial frameworks. Globalization offers new possibilities and threats for the economic advancement of developing countries. In this course, we will investigate the constellation of factors and forces that will allow developing countries to reap the benefits of globalization or to fall further behind in the development process.

We will analyze how national conditions, policies, and the forces of globalization interact so as to foster or thwart economic development, and we will explore necessary changes in these interactions so as to increase the benefits of globalization for developing countries.

### International Relations- Diplomacy

This course will explore historical development of international relations and diplomacy as well as its major trends and principles. It will start with giving the notions of "diplomacy", "international relations", "foreign/ domestic policy" and "major actors". Then it will give a very brief outline of proto-diplomatic history starting with the Greeks and the Chinese, then to Romans-Celts and medieval Europe. Here will be given more attention to the treaty of Westphalia and the first system of international relations. Students will discuss "the long 15th century" and the reasons of European breakthrough. Then - rise and fall of hegemony (Portugal, Spain, Holland, England). A bit more attention will be paid to the period around 1890-1920. After the history of diplomatic relations has been introduced, the course will dig in really deep into different aspects of diplomacy - economic, military, political, cultural. Students will be given several case studies and asked to study and research all aspects of it - from etiquette to psychology, from personal relations to wide political context, influence of domestic issues on policy makers, impact of ideology, even matters of ethnic self-identification. Discussion of different paradigms will be integrated into historical context - for example, wilsonian liberalism fits in well with the period of his presidency and will be discussed again when talking about Franklin Roosevelt. We will be talking about events in diplomatic

history and analyze them from different positions.

At the end we will speak about threats and challenges diplomacy has to face in the 21st century and the changes that globalization brought into this field.