

M.A International program in Diplomacy Studies

Practicum

Description:

The purpose of the practicum is to provide the students with a first-hand experience in the practices of diplomatic processes, and thus to help them to integrate the insights and lessons drawn from this experience into a more sophisticated and analytical perspective. This incorporation of the practical and theoretical dimensions of the study of diplomacy will hopefully pave the way toward a higher level of understanding concerning the actual dynamics of diplomatic processes as they unfold in the real world, as well as their conceptual and ideological origins. The diplomacy students will participate in an internship under the auspices of institutions and organizations (primarily in research institutes, non-profit organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations), which address issues and predicaments that are relevant to diplomatic initiatives and processes (both unilateral, bilateral and multilateral), with emphasis on the Middle-East and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The diplomacy program will establish contact between several interested students and specific organizations/institutes that have expressed interest in recruiting them for this purpose. In parallel, diplomacy students are welcome to independently establish contact with other institutions, but such arrangements have to be approved by the head of the program.

Practicum Requirements:

1. The completion of at least 120 hours of work in the assigned organization, subject to the requirements of the specific organizations that host the interns. The interns are required to keep a log of the hours devoted to the internship which will be signed by the organizations supervisor.
2. Full compliance to all the organization's demands.
3. The submission of :
 - a. 3 reports, composed of 1-2 pages each, in the form of compressed reports, describing your activities (including recommendations for improvement) at the organization. These reports will be submitted to the Diplomacy's practicum coordinator.
 - b. A final report, composed of 8-10 pages, that will summarize the experience and the lessons drawn in terms of innovative thinking and inspiring ideas concerning the conduct of diplomatic processes in highly complexed and challenging environment. More specifically, it should include the student's initial assumptions/expectations when he/she entered the internship; the extent to which they were changed or reinforced in the course of the internship, and the insights and lessons gained concerning the improvement in the quality and dynamics of the decision-making processes in the organization itself and with emphasis on the contribution of the observer-participant in the proceedings.
 - c. Submission time-table:

Dates of submission will be set on an individual basis, according to the time-frame of the internship.



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4. The Practicum will be in equivalent to other elective courses in the program in terms of the credit assigned.

For further information and details, if needed, please address to your program coordinator:

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