



Syllabus of the educational course «Diplomatic and Consular Service»

Specialty	<i>C3International Relations</i>
Educational program	<i>International Relations</i>
Level of education	<i>First (Bachelor) level of higher education</i>
Discipline status	<i>Obligatory</i>
Teaching language	<i>English</i>
Course / semester	<i>2 year, 4 semester</i>
Number of credits ECTS	<i>4</i>
Distribution by types of trainings and hours of study	<i>Lectures – 20 hours. Practical studies (seminars) – 20 hours. Self-study – 80 hours.</i>
Form of final assessment	<i>Exam</i>
Department	<i>Department of International Relations and Political Philosophy, Kharkiv, 9-A Nauky Ave., 512, Tel. +38(057) 702-06-97 (Ext. 3-03) Department website: http://www.kafmvp.hneu.edu.ua</i>
Teacher (-s)	<i>Danylo Nepochatov, teacher</i>
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Days of the classes	<i>Lectures: according to the current schedule of classes Practical: according to the current schedule of classes</i>
Consultations	<i>At the Department of International Relations and Political Philosophy, full-time, according to the schedule of consultations, individual, PNS chat, Zoom</i>

The purpose of the course

to form a comprehensive understanding of the role, functions and contemporary transformation of the diplomatic and consular service as key instruments of a state's foreign policy. Students will become familiar both with the legal and regulatory framework of diplomatic activity and with the practices of public diplomacy, digital tools, crisis response and cultural influence. Particular attention is paid to the analysis of contemporary challenges, the instruments of "soft power", and the work of Ukraine's diplomatic institutions under the conditions of war.

Structural and logical scheme of studying an academic discipline

Prerequisites	Post requisites
International Political Economy	International Law
Country Studies	Regional and National Security
Theory of International Relations	International Relations and World Politics
	Production Practice
International Information and International Communications	Production Practice

Topic 1. What is diplomacy? From secret letters to Twitter diplomats

Topic 2. Vienna, memes and drones: the legal framework and instruments of the diplomatic service

Topic 3. Embassies vs. Zoom: the structure of the diplomatic service in an era of global change

Topic 4. The consular service as a lifeline: from a lost passport to evacuation from war

Topic 5. Protocol and precedents: how to avoid a scandal at the Queen's reception.

Topic 6. International law versus the diplomacy of force: who decides whom to recognise?



Topic 7. Crisis diplomacy: how to act when an embassy is bombed or a neighbour invades

Topic 8. Diplomatic etiquette or diplomatic games? Manipulation, blackmail and backchannel deals

Topic 9. Digital consular assistance: can bots replace humans in solving citizens' problems?

Topic 10. The 21st-century diplomat: a profession of the future or a relic of the colonial era?

Material and technical support (software) of the course

Multimedia projector and computers, S. Kuznets KhNUE Zoom

Assessment system

Assessment of students' learning outcomes is carried out by the University according to the cumulative 100-point system.

Current control is carried out during lectures and practical (seminar) classes and aims to assess the level of students' readiness to perform particular tasks, and is assessed by the amount of scored points.

The maximum amount during the semester – 60 points; the minimum amount required is 35 points. Final control is carried out at the end of the semester in the form of an exam (the maximum amount is 40 points, the minimum amount required is 25 points).

Current control includes the following assessment methods: assignments on a particular topic; testing; presentations, and essay writing

Course policies

Policy of academic integrity is an essential element of teaching the academic discipline. The academic integrity can be violated through academic plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, unfair writing, deceiving, bribery, biased evaluation. For the violation of the academic integrity students are liable to redoing the tasks.

More detailed information about competencies, learning outcomes, teaching methods, assessment forms, self-study is given in the Course program