BACKGROUND

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is a principal training arm of the United Nations, working in every region of the world. We empower individuals, governments and organizations through knowledge and learning to effectively overcome contemporary global challenges.

UNITAR offers various training and capacity-development activities in the thematic areas of Capacity for the 2030 Agenda, Strengthen multilateralism; Promote economic development and social inclusion; Advance environmental sustainability and green development; Promote sustainable peace; and Research and Technology Applications.

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research developed a curriculum that sees a brighter future through diplomacy. This newly-designed program allows students to listen to and learn about international relations and politics from those actively engaged in these fields — the diplomats themselves. Envisioned for students currently enrolled in Political Science, International Relations, Urban Affairs, or a similar academic program, the desire to better understand world affairs is a must. As well as those who envision a career in diplomacy.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Unit I: Academic

1. UN Study: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
   - This program gives the opportunity to learn about the UN and organs. The main highlight will be the teaching on SDG’s and their objectives.
   
   This program provides a thorough understanding of UN functions, especially the SDG’s.
   Update on SDG’s and its functionalities.
   Help concentrate on specific UN objectives related to the Sustainable Development goal and Sustainable Developments.
   Shape the brain of tomorrow’s international relations actors, contributing to re-establish the UN leadership in the long term.
   The students will get the chance to witness UN forums and meetings which

2. Current Global Issues
   - This section is about current global issues. These are topics relevant to students pursuing in related programs. They will be given up-to-date summary on these issues and the steps taken to solve and improve the situation: we want UNITAR high skilled formation in conflict resolution to be accessible for the actors of tomorrow.
   
   Tackle critical political, economic, and social issues
   Gain personal experience of the diplomats on certain global issues
   Assess news media and social media influence on global issues
   Consider innovative solutions to contemporary the realities of international relations

3. Diplomacy and Global Treaties
   - This course should teach students about global diplomacy, negotiations and conflict resolution. This comprises; formation of UN, diplomatic relationship, alliances formed, and peacekeeping.
   
   Better understand national and international governance
   Appreciate the perspective of a diplomat regarding global issues
   Gain first-hand learning experience from a diplomat involved in an initiative or negotiation
   Understand agreements and coalitions among countries
   Gain insight on the WTO, IMF, and ICC, among other organizations

Attendance at Online U.N. Events, including UNITAR Core Diplomatic Trainings, are highly encouraged

A rare glimpse at the inner workings of the UN, students will observe the diplomatic process within a real-world setting.

Observe the diplomatic process in a real-world setting as it happens
Develop an understanding of core functions of UN in practice
Contextualize diplomacy as it happens as opposed to hypothetical scenarios
Witness global leaders and understand their visions for a better world

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The Global Diplomacy Initative Program is comprised of 3 hour duration courses, held once a week for 2 months. This program will be conducted three times a year on trimester basis: Spring, Summer, and Fall. These courses will be taught by distinguished Ambassadors and high level UN Officials. This program is designed for students pursuing political science, international relations, global studies or related programs and are in their senior year in
TARGETED AUDIENCE

This program targets delegates to the United Nations, national change agents and students who are currently enrolled in Political Science, International Relations, Urban Affairs, or a similar academic programs ranging from the undergraduate level to any Masters/Graduate Program. Research students can also apply.