Public and Cultural Diplomacy in a Multipolar World - 2025 Edition

Multilateral Diplomacy

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Type:	Course
Emplacement:	Web-based
Date:	1 Sep 2025 to 12 oct 2025
Durée:	6 Weeks
Zone du programme:	Peace Security and Diplomacy, , Multilateral Diplomacy
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CONTEXTE

Public diplomacy, together with its sister concept of soft power, plays a central role in the academic discussion around diplomacy in the 21st century. A key

challenge for governments today is how to build effective public diplomacy strategies and make the best use of their soft power in a rapidly evolving global landscape. This course is designed to help participants understand the nature of public and cultural diplomacy, trace its development over time, and explore how current challenges are being addressed. It also looks at the range of tools and techniques available to practitioners working in this field.

OBJECTIFS DU COURS

This online course aims to provide participants with an understanding of the strategic importance of public and cultural diplomacy, both historically and in the future. Key aspects of campaign planning, media relations, and other public and cultural diplomacy tools will be analysed, discussed, and summarised with a strong practical focus. Legal considerations and human resource management will also be covered to ensure the content is applicable across a range of professional environments.

Current practice in public and cultural diplomacy will be examined, along with an overview of the institutional structures in key countries. The course will also explore the role of public and cultural diplomacy within multilateral settings.

OBJECTIFS D'APPRENTISSAGE

At the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- Define and discuss the basic concepts of public and cultural diplomacy and how its practice is evolving;
- Explain the relationship between public diplomacy and cultural diplomacy;
- Explain the distinction between public diplomacy and related activities such as nation branding, propaganda, cultural relations, public relations and lobbying;
- Demonstrate knowledge of the skills and techniques required by public and cultural diplomacy practitioners vis-à-vis the media and other stakeholders;
- Design strategic media plans and public and cultural diplomacy campaigns by using modern and conventional tools.

CONTENU ET STRUCTURE

The course is split into interactive training modules, defined as follows:

- Module 1: Introduction to Public Diplomacy in the 21st Century
- Module 2: Introduction to Cultural Diplomacy in the 21st Century
- Module 3: Tools and Techniques of Public Diplomacy
- Module 4: Cultural Diplomacy Practice
- Module 5: Public and Cultural Diplomacy Campaigns and Evaluation
- Module 6: Exchange of Best Practices

MÉTHODOLOGIE

The course will be conducted in English over a period of six weeks, each week consisting of a module focusing on a different topic. The course will be delivered via UNITAR's e-Learning platform. This pedagogical tool will help the student meet the course's learning objectives through a self-paced study routine supported by multimedia, optional and required readings, discussion forums, assessment quizzes, and a wealth of other information.

e-Learning: The course is internet-based, moderated by senior international experts, asynchronous, and places emphasis on online discussions and self-paced learning. The participants will be primarily responsible for their own learning over the time span of the course. The course will consist of the following components:

- Compulsory and optional reading material, intended to teach the basic concepts and principles of the lesson's subject-matter;
- External links to additional books, articles, documents, and websites related to the lessons;
- Quizzes and case studies at the end of each module. To be eligible for the course certificate, a passing grade of 80% on both quizzes and case studies is required;
- A Community Discussion Board will be available for participants to post questions or comments visible to the instructor and other participants. This discussion board will be moderated by the course director and UNITAR;

Estimated learning time: 40 hours approximately;

Participants will be eligible to receive a certificate after the successful completion of the course.

AUDIENCE CIBLE

The course is designed for mid to senior-level government officers in ministries preparing public diplomacy strategies and tools on a variety of topics. It also targets entry-level and mid-career diplomats working in a multilateral setting. Private sector specialists and students whose work or studies are related to this subject are also encouraged to apply.

INFORMATIONS SUPPLÉMENTAIRES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We highly recommend credit card payments

The course participation fee is **800 USD**. You will receive an invoice by email after registration.

Participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are eligible to apply for a fellowship. Please click here for more details. Registration will be closed as soon as the course is full and your place will only be secured once your payment is **confirmed**.

General Requirements

-Have a good command of the English language
-Be computer literate

Technical Requirements

UNITAR recommends the following as a minimum in hardware and software to take our e-Learning courses. Please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

-Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; MacOS 9 or MacOS X; Linux
-Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
-Software:

Adobe Acrobat Reader
Adobe Flash Player

Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office

Browser: Internet Explorer 7 or higher; it works better with Firefox 3.6 or higher (click here to download for free)
Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled