Unitar Online Catalogue

Online Diploma in Multilateral Diplomacy 2026 - Edition 1

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 9 Feb 2026

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	9 Feb 2026 to 31 Dec 2026
Duration:	10 Months
Thematic Area:	Conflict Prevention, Mediation and Peacemaking, , Multilateral Diplomacy and Negotiation
Website:	https://unitar.org/sustainable-development-goals/multilateral-diplomacy/our-por...
Price:	$2,600.00
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BACKGROUND

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research's (UNITAR) Online Diploma in Multilateral Diplomacy offers a unique opportunity for both students wanting to pursue a career in international relations, and professionals working in international and regional organizations as well as governmental and non-

governmental institutions, to expand their knowledge on international affairs and strengthen their capacities in the field of multilateral diplomacy.

Using internet-based training, UNITAR brings participants and trainers together in a unique virtual learning environment. All courses build on UNITAR's wealth of experience in designing and implementing training workshops on diplomacy and multilateral affairs at the country and regional levels. e-Learning provides specific advantages for geographically and time constrained individuals to obtain valuable information for their day-to-day operations and future projects.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

After completing the Diploma, students should be able to :

• Demonstrate a comprehensive, substantive and practical knowledge of the current challenges in international affairs and diplomacy;

• Perform in both bilateral and multilateral working environments with increased confidence;

• Develop analytical skills and critical thinking;

• Advance their career through the acquisition of skills that are highly valued in an international working environment.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

In order to be awarded the Online Diploma, participants are required to participate and successfully complete 4 out of 6 online courses offered by UNITAR's Multilateral Diplomacy Programme Unit from 9 February 2026 – 31 December 2026 and submit a Final Research Paper by 31 December 2026.

The e-Learning courses the students can choose from are:

- The Art of Speechwriting- Spring Edition (9 February 2026- 1 March 2026)
- United Nations Protocol 2026 - Spring Edition (18 May 2026 - 14 June 2026)
- Overcoming Negotiation Deadlocks - 2026 Edition (18 May 2026 - 14 June 2026)
- Diplomacy 4.0 - Beyond the Digital Frontier 2026 (1 June 2026 - 12 July 2026)

- Climate Change Diplomacy: Advanced Negotiation Skills and Strategies (14 September - 11 October 2026)
- Public and Cultural Diplomacy in a Multipolar World (7 September- 8 October 2026)
- The Art of Speechwriting - Fall Edition (12 October- 2 November 2026)
- United Nations Protocol - Fall Edition (12 October- 8 November 2026)
- Cross-Cultural Communication: Developing Cultural Awareness, Competences and Skills (2 - 29 November 2026)
- VUCA Diplomacy (16 November- 13 December 2026)

Kindly note that some course dates might change.

All courses last between 4 to 6 weeks. The average workload for an individual course is 5 - 8 study hours per week.

The final requirement to obtain the Online Diploma in Multilateral Diplomacy will be the submission of a research paper of between 3,000 and 5,000 words.

METHODOLOGY

e-Learning: The Diploma is internet-based. Courses are moderated by senior international experts, and place an emphasis on online discussions and self-paced learning.

The courses will consist of the following components:
(1) Compulsory and optional reading material, intended to teach thebasic concepts and principles of the lesson’s subject-matter;
(2) Multimedia and external links to additional books, articles, documents, and websites related to the lessons;
(3) Quizzes and case studies;
(4) Community Discussion Boards;
(5) Collaborative learning tools such as simulation exercises, webinars and chats

TARGETED AUDIENCE

The Online Diploma is designed for government officials, diplomats, private sector specialists, practitioners in the international arena, academics, students or any interested participants.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you register for the online diploma, you are not required to register for the separate e-Learning courses. Instead, please send us an email at mdp-elearning [at] unitar.org (mdp-elearning[at]unitar[dot]org) before the start of an e-Learning course to confirm that you would like to take the course as part of the Diploma.

UNITAR is a non-accrediting institution, and as such, diplomas that may be awarded by UNITAR carry no accreditation recognition.

Admission requirements

There are no specific admission requirements. Participants who wish to enrol in one particular course without being awarded a diploma can still do so.

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 10 or 11; MacOS 10.15 Catalina, 11 Big Sur, and 12 Monterey; Linux

- Software: Adobe Acrobat Reader, Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office

- Browser: Microsoft Edge; Safari; Google Chrome; t works better with Firefox 3.6 or higher. Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop-ups must be enabled.

Payment information

We highly recommend credit card payments.

For more information, please consult the UNITAR Multilateral Diplomacy Programme website or contact mdp-elearning [at] unitar.org (mdp-elearning[at]unitar[dot]org)