Unitar Online Catalogue

United Nations International Law and Policy Immersion Programme

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 26 Jun 2026

Type:	Course
Location:	Geneva, Switzerland
Date:	13 Jul 2026 to 17 Jul 2026
Duration:	5 Days
Thematic Area:	Multilateral Diplomacy
Website:	https://unitar.org/interpretationimmersion
Price:	$2,700.00
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BACKGROUND

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) was established in 1963 as an autonomous body within the United Nations with the purpose of enhancing the effectiveness of the work of the UN and its member states.

UNITAR designs and conducts close to 500 different training and knowledge sharing events per year for some 50,000 beneficiaries worldwide. Participants

include diplomats, other government officials, non-governmental representatives, and other stakeholders.

At the heart of UNITAR, the Multilateral Diplomacy Programme Unit (MDPU) delivers training workshops to address the needs of these international actors. MDPU's activities cover a wide range of domains, including training on the UN system and skills development.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

This July, UNITAR is delighted to deliver its fourth field visit to Geneva, specifically tailored for postgraduate students from Newcastle University. It will offer participants the chance to fully immerse themselves into the UN ecosystem, with a particular focus on international law, multilateral diplomacy, and global governance, and learn from professional practitioners first-hand.

UNITAR will host most of the activities in the historic Palais des Nations and the UNITAR headquarters, located at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) building in Geneva. They will consist of a nuanced balance between the following elements:

- Interpretation Practice in Real UN Booths
- Expert Lectures and Training Workshops on international law, policy, and diplomacy
- Attending Multilateral Conferences Live
- Sessions on Leadership, Multilateral Negotiation, and Sustainable Development Goals
- UN Career Development Sessions
- Private Guided Tours through UN Premises
- Immerse them in the International Geneva

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The purpose of this programme is to enable students to deepen their knowledge and develop practical skills in their respective fields of study through direct exposure to the work environment of the United Nations and learning from experienced professionals, including insights into international law and international relations.

The programme also aims to build a strong foundation of UN-specific background knowledge relevant to careers in international organizations, diplomacy, law, multilingual communication, and global affairs. By the end of the programme, participants can expect to have experienced the following key components:

- Practice interpretation in the real booths of the United Nations
- Receive first-hand lessons and practical insights from professional UN staff and other UN experts, including in areas of international law and diplomacy
- Witness live multilateral conferences such as the Human Rights Council or other international meetings
- Learn about UN agencies and organizations such as UNITAR, WTO, WIPO, UNHCR, and others, and their role in international law and global governance
- Develop core diplomatic and professional skills, including public speaking, leadership, and negotiation
- Gain access to UN premises such as the Palais des Nations or other agency headquarters
- Receive insights into career development and professional opportunities within the United Nations system

Professional Networking

A dinner cruise on Lake Geneva will constitute an important experiential and networking component of the Immersion Programme, complementing the formal training and institutional learning delivered throughout the study visit. As the programme brings together participants from diverse professional, cultural, and geographic backgrounds, the cruise provides a unique informal diplomatic setting that encourages peer-to-peer exchange, relationship-building, and meaningful professional networking among participants, experts, and programme representatives. Such informal engagement is a fundamental aspect of multilateral diplomacy and international cooperation, where trust-building, intercultural dialogue, and professional connections often develop outside formal meeting settings.

METHODOLOGY

Given the complexity of Geneva's multilateral environment, UNITAR will cover a series of different thematic areas during the course of the Programme. These will include the peace and security, human rights and humanitarian affairs, global health and well-being, trade and technology as well as environment and

sustainable development.

The International Law and Policy Immersion Programme is designed to be highly interactive and participatory. Activities include direct exposure to policy practitioners and diplomatic environments, allowing participants to gain a deeper understanding of international law, multilateral diplomacy, and global policymaking. Through engagement with professionals and observation of international meetings at the United Nations, participants will gain practical insights into how international legal and policy processes function in real-world diplomatic settings.

All of the activities will take place in the English language.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UNITAR will be responsible for the overall design, coordination and implementation of the Immersion Programme. It will liaise with participants on a regular basis prior to the activity's implementation in order to ensure a smooth and flawless organization for everyone involved.

The participants are responsible to purchase their own travel tickets to and from Geneva as well as to apply for visa to Switzerland. UNITAR can support this process with the help of an official visa invitation letter. Participants need to take care of their own daily meals.

UNITAR will be responsible for the accommodation of all participants (with check-in on 12 July and check-out on 18 July 2026) and provide a welcome package including relevant training materials and entry tickets to sights and museums.

In the event that the minimum number of participants required for this specific programme is not reached, UNITAR reserves the right to transfer registered participants to the standard UN Immersion Programme taking place in Geneva

during the same period. In such cases, participants will be informed in advance. While the standard programme offers a broader overview of the UN system and its work across different thematic areas.

Please read this before registration "I *understand that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) does not insure participants in the above-described activity and I am advised to arrange at my own expense insurance against sickness, accident, permanent or temporary disability, death, and third-party risk for the period of the meeting, including travel time*"