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COURSE BROCHURE

International Law Analysis For Diplomatic Relations Training

Law, Military Science and Security / Sovereignty of the State

Unit Standard 114693 · NQF Level 7 · 12 Credits · 9 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips diplomats and international relations professionals with the analytical skills to interpret and apply international law in diplomatic contexts. Participants will examine key principles of public international law, including treaty interpretation, state responsibility, and dispute resolution, enabling them to navigate complex diplomatic negotiations and legal frameworks effectively.

Category	Law, Military Science and Security
Subfield	Sovereignty of the State
Unit Standard	114693
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 7 · 12 Credits
Duration	9 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyze the sources and principles of public international law relevant to diplomatic relations.
- Apply treaty law and state responsibility concepts to real-world diplomatic scenarios.
- Evaluate the role of international courts and tribunals in resolving interstate disputes.
- Demonstrate the ability to draft diplomatic notes and agreements in compliance with international legal standards.
- Assess the impact of international human rights law and humanitarian law on diplomatic practice.
- Design strategies for integrating international law into bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Diplomats, foreign service officers, legal advisors, and professionals engaged in international relations or multilateral negotiations who require a practical understanding of international law to enhance their diplomatic effectiveness.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of International Law in Diplomacy

- Nature and sources of international law
- Subjects of international law: states, international organizations, individuals
- Principles of state sovereignty and non-intervention
- Jurisdiction and its limits in international law
- Overview of the law of treaties

Day 2: The Law of Treaties and Diplomatic Agreements

- Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1969)
- Formation and adoption of treaties
- Reservations and their legal effects
- Entry into force and ratification processes
- Treaty interpretation rules
- Invalidity, termination, and suspension of treaties

Day 3: Diplomatic and Consular Law

- Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961)
- Diplomatic missions: establishment, functions, and termination
- Diplomatic immunities: personal, inviolability, and jurisdictional
- Consular functions and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963)
- Waiver of immunity and abuse of diplomatic privileges
- Case studies on diplomatic law

Day 4: State Responsibility and Dispute Settlement

- Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts
- Attribution of conduct and circumstances precluding wrongfulness
- Reparation: restitution, compensation, and satisfaction
- Peaceful settlement of disputes: negotiation, mediation, arbitration
- International Court of Justice: jurisdiction and contentious cases

Day 5: International Human Rights Law and Diplomacy

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights and core UN treaties
- Regional human rights systems (African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights)
- State obligations: respect, protect, fulfil
- Human rights in foreign policy and diplomatic discourse
- Diplomatic protection and human rights complaints
- Case study: human rights and sanctions

Day 6: International Humanitarian Law and Conflict Resolution

- Sources and principles of IHL: distinction, proportionality, necessity
- Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols
- Protected persons: civilians, prisoners of war, wounded
- War crimes and individual criminal responsibility
- Diplomacy and peacekeeping operations
- Role of the International Criminal Court

Day 7: International Economic Law and Diplomacy

- World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements and principles
- Bilateral and multilateral investment treaties
- Investor-state dispute settlement mechanisms
- International monetary law and the IMF
- Economic sanctions: legal basis and diplomatic implications
- Case study: trade disputes and diplomatic negotiations

Day 8: International Environmental Law and Diplomatic Negotiations

- Principles: sustainable development, precaution, polluter pays
- Major environmental treaties: UNFCCC, Paris Agreement, biodiversity
- State responsibility for environmental harm
- Diplomatic negotiations and treaty-making processes
- Compliance mechanisms and dispute resolution
- Case study: climate diplomacy and COP processes

Day 9: Advanced Applications and Integration

- Cross-cutting issues: sovereignty vs. human rights, state immunity
- Cyber operations and international law
- Law of outer space and diplomatic implications
- Global health law and pandemic response
- Practical exercise: drafting a diplomatic note with legal analysis
- Course review and integration

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **12 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 7**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 38,300.00	R 38,300.00
1	In-House	R 49,800.00	R 49,800.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 57,500.00	R 57,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	20 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
11 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
12 Aug 2026	24 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
13 Aug 2026	25 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
14 Aug 2026	26 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
17 Aug 2026	27 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China
18 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 114693) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call +27 12 004 8389 or WhatsApp +27 65 077 6310 and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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