

## **DIPLOMA PROGRAMME IN HISTORY AND DIPLOMATIC STUDIES**

- a. *Objectives:* This programme is mounted basically for persons of intermediate levels who require training to enhance their work. It is also aimed to remedy the inadequacies of persons who do not possess the requisite entry qualification to pursue a degree programme in the University. The course gives in perspective the inter-play of intellectual, economic and cultural determinants in history international affairs, thus highlighting its historical character and facilitating a mastery of the techniques of historical reasoning as applied to the study of international affairs. While examining wider issues, the programme will particularly locate Africa in the international system emphasizing her historical realities, cultures and traditions and how they influence Africa's strategy in the system.  
The course would produce diploma graduates of liberal and humanist education equipped with the tools of history, the understanding of the intricate relationship between history and the craft of inter-state relations.
- b. *The Need for the Programme:* The increasing globalization resulting from the decline of ideological positioning and elimination of bi-polarity in the international system has called for a new understanding and approach to international relations. Therefore there has been a radical shift in the character and practice of diplomacy. Diplomacy is no longer conducted by state actors alone but non-state actors have come to play an increasingly important role in the international system. This fact has made the demand for understanding and study of international studies and diplomacy more compelling.  
Traditional courses in Arts and Social Sciences in our Universities especially at the intermediate level are inadequate or non-existent in acquainting students with the new rigorous demands in the international system. This programme therefore is designed to meet the yawning gap that exists at the intermediate level of our educational system. This programme would be holistic in content and would essentially be based on the methodology that is indigenous to History. It is aimed at producing middle level practitioners of history and diplomatic studies.
- c. *For Whom:* The programme will be part-time to cater for the large number of applicants who want University education, but who are unable to come through JAMB. It will also cater for middle level executives who want to upgrade their educational qualification. The course would in fact benefit newly recruited diplomats who have had no formal training in history and diplomatic studies, administrative officer, lawyers, journalist, international businessmen etc.
- d. *Admission Requirements:* Admissions requirements for the Diploma programme will include a minimum of 4 credits at the WASC/GCE/TCII or their equivalent as approved by University of Ibadan Senate, including English Language plus any one Art or Social Science subject. Matured students above 35 years old with equivalent working experience of at least 10 years with credits including English language may be considered. The programme will run for three years with two semesters each year on part-time basis.
- e. *Withdrawal:* A student who is unable to obtain 8 credits during the first year of the Diploma programme will be advised to withdraw; between 8 — 15 credits will repeat.
- f. *Classification of Diploma:* A student to be awarded the diploma certificate must have passed all specified courses with an accumulated credit of 50. The results shall be classified as follows:

- 4.51 — 5.00 Distinction
- 3.51 —4.50 Credit
- 2.51—3.50 Merit
- 1.51—2.50 Pass

*g. Distribution of Courses:*

**Year One**

*HDS 001: Introduction to History	2
HDS 002: Fundamentals of Diplomatic Studies	2
HDS 003: African Social and Political Institutions to 1500	2
HDS 004: European Society and Culture to 1789	2
HDS 005: Economic system in West Africa before 1900	2
HDS 006: Introduction to Inter-group Relations in Nigeria	2
*HDS 007: Introduction to Diplomatic History from 1870	2
*HDS 008: Salient Issues in World History Since World War	2
HDS 009: African Social and Political Institutions 1500 — 1900	2
*HDS 010: Introduction to Nigerian History	2
HDS 011: Economic systems of West Africa Since 1900	2
*HDS 012: The ECOWAS: A Study in West African Economic Relations since 1975	2

**Year Two**

HDS 013: Africa and the Diaspora	2
HDS 014: The Evolution of the International State System I	2
*HDS 015: Introduction to International Information System	2
HDS 016: Introduction to Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	2
HDS 017: Modern African International Relations	2
HDS 018: History of International Organisations	2
HDS 019: Colonialism and Imperialism in Africa	2
HDS 020: The Evolution of the International State System II	2
HDS 021: Introduction to International Information System II	2
HDS 022: Foreign Policy Studies	2
HDS 023: Evolving International Economic Relations	2
HDS 024: Introduction to Philosophy and Methodology of Diplomatic Studies	2
*HDS 025: Nigerian Foreign policy in Perspective	2
*HDS 026: West Africa before Colonial Rule	2
HDS 027: Essay Project	4

*h. Course Detail*

**HDS 001: Introduction to History**

The aim of this course is to introduce students to the meaning, the nature and function of History. Basically, the course will try to define “What is History” and in trying to do so, it will examine the various sources of historical writing as well as the types of sources—primary and secondary.

**HDS 002: Fundamentals of Diplomatic Studies**

This course is to introduce students to the meaning and scope of international studies and diplomacy as well as the history of the theories and approaches to the study of international studies and diplomacy. The areas to be covered include the nature and structure of inter-state relations: that is, the characteristic structure and the behavioural structure, the origins and evolving methods of Diplomacy.

**HDS 003: Africa and Social and Political Institutions to 1500**

The basic objective of this course is to acquaint students with the nature of African societies, with emphasis on the dynamics of their culture, economic and political on the dynamics of their culture, economic and political institutions. The thrust would be to focus the students on the use to which these African institutions were put in the overall promotion of the interest of inter-state relations among African societies.

**HDS 004: European Society and Culture to 1789**

The aim of this course is to survey the origins and development of western civilization and the nature of their inter-state system and the development of Greek democracy, imperial Rome, Medieval Europe through the Renaissance to the 18th century.

**HDS 005: Economic Systems in West Africa before 1900**

This is an introductory course to acquaint students with the evolution of economic development, principles and structures in West African societies before colonial rule. The course focuses on the economic inter-state relations in and between West African States as well as the wider world. The process of subjugation of West African economy before 1900 is also examined.

**HDS 006: Introduction to Inter-group Relations in Nigeria**

This course investigates the historical roots of the modern Nigerian state system up to 1500. It identifies the various groups which emerged in early times, the development of state structures and institutions and how they promoted inter-group and inter-state relations.

**HDS 007: Introduction to European Diplomatic History 1870-1919**

This is an introductory course to acquaint students with the features of the diplomatic history of Europe, beginning from the emergence of Germany as a Great Power to the conclusion of the Treaty of Versailles at the end of the First World War.

**HDS 008: Salient Issues in World History since World War I**

This course introduces students to the major themes in the history of the world since 1914. It examines the main features of the twentieth century in Europe, America and Africa including the problems of nation-building in the third World.

**HDS 009: African Social and Political Institutions 1500 To 1900**

This course is a continuation of DISOO2. The course would focus on the major organized states of Africa, the nature of their inter-state relations and interactions with the wider world, up to the establishment of colonial rule. The development and application of the tools of diplomacy in pre-colonial Africa would also be examined.

**HDS 010: Introduction to Nigerian History**

This is a study of the history of the Nigerian peoples and the emergence of political organizations among them in early times. This course also examines the challenges of state formation and state building as revealed by the more prominent states and empires that emerged.

**HDS 012: The ECOWAS: A Study in West African Economic Relations Since 1975**

This course introduces students to the evolution of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) the means by which its evolution was effected and its impact on West African economic relations as well as the challenges Ecowas has been facing since its inception.

**HDS 013: Africa and the Diaspora**

This course is to acquaint the students with the knowledge of the distribution of peoples of African descent over the world especially in America and the Caribbean. The mode of their conditions and organization of the dispersal would also be explained. Finally their cultural survival outside Africa, contributions and relations with Africa would also be examined.

**HDS 014: The Evolution of the International State System I**

This is a historical survey of the development and growth of the international state system leading to the establishment of the modern state system. It deals with the early European states, inter-state relations and conditions leading to the emergence of the modern state and state system up to the treaty of Westphalia in 1648.

**HDS 015: Introduction to International Information System I**

The objective of this course is to expose students to the nature and attributes of the international information system, how it evolved and how it has been employed as an instrument of power. The initial dominance of Europe will be examined against the rise of the U.S.A. as information superpower. The transnational structures of information flow will be examined with a focus on the call by Third World countries for a new World Information and Communication Order.

**HDS 016: Introduction to Negotiation and Conflict Resolution**

This course is to acquaint the students with the principles and fundamentals of how nations negotiate and resolve conflicts in the international system. The main issues to be examined would be dependency and vulnerability, power, national interest, core interest, concept of core and periphery state, etc. These would be examined as determinants of negotiating capacity by states in the international system. The course would also examine what conflict is, its origins and determinants.

**HDS 017: Modern African International Relations**

This course examines African International Relations in perspective as well as the terms and concepts of the study. It goes on to examine the incorporation of Africa into a world system of states, post-independence international political and economic relations and the patterns of cooperation among African States.

**HDS 018: History International Organisations**

This course is a study of the origins of international organizations and what roles they play in the maintenance of international peace and security as well as the promotion of development in the world. The course would focus on such organizations as the League of Nations, United Nations, Commonwealth, etc.

**HDS 019: Colonialism and Imperialism in Africa**

This is an introductory study of the theories of colonialism and imperialism and how they relate to Africa and her problems. The colonial situation, imperialism and the reaction of the Africa people would also be examined.

**HDS 020: Evolution of the International State System II**

The course is a continuation of HDS 020. It examines the nature, requirements and instruments of the modern state system. It also examines the concept of a state, sovereignty, territoriality; mode and pattern of state interaction and international behaviour; state interest and control in the international system.

**HDS 021: Introduction to International Information System II**

This is a continuation of HDS 021. It will examine the concept of radio and television diplomacy with a focus on the impact of CNN as non state actor in international politics, African achievement in information self-reliance and regional co-operation will be assessed within the framework of the new African Information and Communication Order.