

COURSE SYLLABUS

International Law, Immunity and Diplomacy

Global Diplomatic Forum E-learning Course



Source: www.freepik.com

Table of Contents

Table of Contents	2
Disclaimer and Acknowledgements.....	3
Course Presentation.....	4
Course Outline and Contents.....	4
Learning Objectives	6
Methodology.....	7
Grading Policy and Course Completion	7
Study Planning.....	8
Learning Content	9
Interactive Course	9
Technical Support.....	10

Disclaimer and Acknowledgements

Please familiarise yourself carefully with the Disclaimer and Acknowledgements documents made available on this course's platform prior to commencing the course for more information about the terms and conditions of use of the Global Diplomatic Forum on-line learning environment and acknowledgement of those organisations and associated experts for their authorisation to use text, audio and visual transcripts, webcasts and photographic imagery.

Course Presentation

The Online Course on International Law, Immunities and Diplomacy, is a practical course that covers topics focusing on aspects of international law, immunities and Jurisdictions through the prism of diplomacy and are aimed at enhancing practitioners knowledge and competence in a globalised and interdependent issues as well as to strengthening their understanding of relating to international law to diplomatic work

Developed and delivered by a world leading authority in immunities and diplomacy, Professor Craig Barker will share his expertise and experiences with participants in an engaging platform, the course follows the latest trends for diplomatic education and aims to train the next generation of diplomatic leaders to succeed in a 21st Century diplomatic environment.

The Online Course trains diplomats beyond the conceptual understanding of international law and immunities to learn through practical cases purpose, principles and operation of international law and immunities and how to relate them to diplomatic work

The online course in International Law, Immunities and Diplomacy will introduce and enhance participants' understanding of the main aspects of this field, thus providing them with a useful edge and necessary foundations to effectively navigate the changing diplomatic environment.

The format of the online course in Public Diplomacy and Nation Brand consists of a comprehensive set of online modules available to diplomats, trainee diplomats and legal practitioners. The topics within the course will correspond directly to the international law, immunities and Diplomacy concept, therefore providing recipients with the most recent theoretical and practical knowledge in the area.

The overall goal of the training course is twofold: its short-term perspective is aimed at supplying current and prospective diplomats with all practical training and knowledge necessary for their successful operations in the diplomatic sphere, while expanding our knowledge hub focused on modern diplomacy and capable of providing cutting-edge education to future generations of diplomats and civil servants.

Course Outline and Contents

Module 1:

Introduction to International Law and Jurisdiction

(Week 1: 25th - 31th of January)

1. Basic principles of international law
2. Understanding sovereignty and its significance
3. Jurisdiction and international law
4. Immunity from jurisdiction and distinguishing its different forms

Module 2:

Immunity Rationae Materiae – State immunity and related concepts

(Week 2: 1st - 7th of February)

1. State immunity – its origins and development
2. State immunity today
3. Limitations on State immunity

Module 3

Immunity Rationae Personae – Diplomatic, Consular and Head of State immunity

(Week 3: 8th – 14th of February)

1. Diplomatic immunity – purpose, principles and operation
2. Consular immunity and relationship with diplomatic immunity
3. Head of State immunity and its relationship with State and diplomatic immunity

Module 4:

Challenges and Controversies

(Week 4 : 15th – 21st of February)

1. Linking the different forms of international immunity from jurisdiction
2. Immunity and human rights – a troubled relationship
3. Dealing with the abuse of immunities from jurisdiction

The Course Outcome

- Understanding the framework of International Law, Immunities and Diplomacy
- Acquiring an In-depth knowledge of relating diplomacy to immunities and jurisdictions
- Comprehending the main challenges and controversies of diplomatic Immunities
- Understanding sovereignty and its significance within international law
- Grasping the process of dealing with the abuse of immunities from jurisdiction
- Mastering the concept of immunities and jurisdictions through real case studies
- Developing transferable Knowledge relevant to career advancement from working at a consulate to the office of head of state

Learning Objectives

Module	Learning objectives At the end of each module, the participants will be able to:
Module 1 (1 week) Introduction to International Law and Jurisdiction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grasping Basic principles of international law 2. Understanding sovereignty and its significance 3. Distinguishing immunity and jurisdiction
Module 2 (1 week) Immunity Rationae Materiae – State immunity and related concepts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning origins and development of State immunity 2. Comprehending limitations on State immunity 3. Applying state immunity to practical cases
Module 3 (1 week) Immunity Rationae Personae – Diplomatic, Consular and Head of State immunity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mastering Diplomatic immunity – purpose, principles and operation 2. Relating Consular immunity to diplomatic immunity 3. Applying immunity to Head of State and its relationship with State and diplomatic immunity
Module 4 (1 week) Challenges and Controversies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Linking the different forms of international immunity from jurisdiction 2. Understanding the relationship of Immunity and human rights 3. Dealing with the abuse of immunities from jurisdiction

Methodology

The course will be delivered via the e-Learning platform [FutureLearn](#) (instructions on using this platform will be emailed to you with course invitation to the platform). This didactic tool will allow the students to view the course contents and thus achieve the course's learning objectives through a self-paced learning routine supported by various multimedia content (hosted and linked videos and podcasts), optional and required readings, discussion boards, assessments, and a wealth of other materials. Designed to fit the busy schedules of full-time professionals specifically to diplomatic personnel, participants will acquire knowledge through multi-faceted methodology comprising traditional reading materials, external sources of information in form of videos and podcasts, interactive discussion board allowing for communication with other participants and experts alike and webinars with guest lecturers.

The course content and materials will be made available online on a weekly basis (see Course Outline and Contents section for more details). The course is divided into four modules (Weeks).

All four modules contain the same structural elements:

- Contents
- Learning Objectives
- Lesson Material (text, video, documents, and lexicon terms)
- Assessment
- Discussion Board

Grading Policy and Course Completion

Students are eligible for a course certificate upon successful course completion. Successful completion requires:

- **At least 70% passing grade on EACH of the four module-based assessments** (7 out of 10 questions answered correctly); you may take each assessment **three times** (questions will be randomly drawn from a predefined question bank and therefore the content of assessment will change with each attempt);
- participation in the weekly Discussion Board forums; your posts will be monitored and evaluated by the course manager both **quantitatively and qualitatively** (e.g. content relevance and contribution to overall discussion).

Before moving to the next module, you should:

- (a) carefully go through all of the core module texts,
- (b) take the module-based assessments, and

(c) participate in the weekly Discussion Board forums.

(d) you will be also encouraged to read/view/listen to the optional external links to further develop your knowledge on the given module's topic (e.g. links to articles, webinars, podcasts or websites and additional documents).

Global Diplomatic Forum's e-learning Committee is responsible for the final decision regarding certificates in consultation with the module leaders (experts). Global Diplomatic Forum reserves the right to award certificates of completion only to those participants who will be deemed "eligible" through the aforementioned pre-requisites. Global Diplomatic Forum urges all participants to take a clear note of the above requirements. Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Global Diplomatic Forum Team.

Study Planning

Below table provides guidance on which parts of the course are deemed mandatory.

Activity	Mandatory
Interactive Course	Yes
External Links and Readings	No, though highly recommended
Module Assessments	Yes
Discussion Forums	Yes

The distinctive feature of this learning course is that it is an entirely **online based** learning experience. As such it can not only be accessed from any part of the world but also at any point of time (within allocated availability period specified above in the Course Outline and Contents section) thus creating a true self-paced learning environment. Upon start of the course, training materials will be gradually made available to you through Global Diplomatic Forum's partner portal - FutureLearn. The course contents will also provide links to external web resources such as references, documents and multimedia.

The Global Diplomatic Forum's team will be at your disposal to provide guidance and help you participate and **contribute actively** to the discussion forums, which are an important learning opportunity of this course. You will also be able to communicate with the course manager who will moderate the discussion board as well as answer module related questions (through both the posts on the Discussion Board and e-mail).

The online training provides numerous **advantages** over traditional learning methods. Particularly it allows for:

- the adjustment of the schedule and pace of your learning according to your specific requirements
- complete freedom in choice of the study location - as long as you are able to access internet connected computer
- expanding your network through engaging in discussion with fellow participants and module leaders
- having a live interactive lectures with the world's leading experts

Nonetheless, live face-to-face interaction differentiates our e-learning course from the traditional e-learning courses and thus we establish personalised relationship with the participants. However, online courses require more self-discipline and pro-active preparation in order to successfully meet the course's requirements and learning objectives.

Another important characteristic of the online course that needs to be duly noted is that it is asynchronous. What that effectively means is that the interaction between course participants and module leaders will take place intermittently and may incur a time delay – thus it is imperative to establish a course study routine that suits best individual work schedule, family commitments, internet connection speed, etc.

Please also note that you will not be able to access next modules if your previous module-based assessment has not been completed.

Learning Content

The complete set of modules and respective course materials **will NOT be made available instantaneously on the FutureLearn portal. Modules and materials will be released on a weekly basis and will become available to participants upon successful completion of previous module and passing the assessment.** Learning materials are organised as follows:

Interactive Course

The interactive course constitutes the core mandatory learning activity. The various module lessons contain main course text as well as links to external websites (e.g. with relevant articles, publications etc.) documentation, videos and podcasts, questions and case studies. All modules have two live lectures with the module leader and a guest lecturer. The course and individual module contents have been designed to be accessible and approachable by wide demographic of participants, regardless of their level of knowledge on the topic providing opportunity to both acquire the basics and further elaborate on existing expertise.

Course Leader



Prof Craig Barker

Dean of School of Law and Social Sciences, London South Bank University

Prof. Craig Barker is the Dean of the School of Law and Social Sciences and a Professor of International Law. Appointed in 2015, Prof. Barker was previously Professor of International Law at the Sussex Law School, University of Sussex where he served as Director of Research (2004-8), Director of External Relations (2008-9), and Head of Department (2009-12). He was Director of the Centre for Responsibilities, Rights and the Law from 2012-15.

Prof. Barker has taught extensively in the areas of domestic and international law, as well as international politics. He is a leading international expert on issues relating to diplomatic law and diplomatic immunity. As a generalist international lawyer, Prof. Barker has taught and written on a diverse range of topics including immunities from jurisdiction, terrorism, use of force by States, international criminal law and international commercial law. He is a regular contributor to local, national and international media. Prof. Barker is a qualified solicitor having completed his training with Dickson Minot WS in 1993.

Technical Support

For any technical issue or coordination matter, you may contact the Global Diplomatic Forum Team by sending a message through the FutureLearn platform.

You may also contact us by email. Email support is available 24/7. Given the global scope of the course emails will be answered within 24 hours.

Global Diplomatic Forum Team

Mr Marcin Dadura

Senior Associate

E-mail: m.dadura@gdforum.org

Support hours: 8am to 5pm (CET)