

**Ahmadu Bello University
Distance Learning Center**



**Masters in International Affairs and
Diplomacy (MIAD)**

Post Graduate Handbook

GENERAL COURSES

COURSE CODE	CREDIT UNITS	COURSE TITLE
MIAD 801	3	Method and Logic of Political Inquiry
MIAD 803	3	Foreign Policy Analysis
MIAD 805	3	Area Studies
MIAD 807	3	Issues in Contemporary World Politics
MIAD 809	3	International Economic Relations

SPECIALISATION- A (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS)

MIAD 802	3	International Politic: Theories and Practice
MIAD 804	3	Human Rights, Democracy, and International Politics
MIAD 806	3	International Organisations and World Peace Initiatives
MIAD 808	3	Comparative Foreign Policy (Nigeria, India, USA, Russia, and China)
	3	<i>One Elective Course from Other Specialisations</i>
MIAD 891	3	<i>Research Project</i>

SPECIALISATION- B (DIPLOMACY)

MIAD 810	3	Diplomacy: History, Theory, and Practice
MIAD 812	3	Conflict and Cooperation in the International System
MIAD 814	3	International Law and the Art of Negotiation
MIAD 816	3	Human Right and Security
	3	<i>One Elective Course from Other Specialisations</i>
MIAD 891	3	<i>Research Project</i>

SPECIALISATION- C (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

MIAD 818	3	Theories of International Development
MIAD 820	3	The Politics of Financial Institutions
MIAD 822	3	Contemporary Issues in Sustainable Development
MIAD 824	3	The Origins, Evolution, and Structure of World Trade
	3	<i>One Elective Course from Other Specialisations</i>
MIAD 891	3	<i>Research Project</i>

SPECIALISATION- D (DEFENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES)

MIAD 826	3	Theories of Peace, Conflict and Global Security
MIAD 828	3	Foundations of Defence and Security Studies
MIAD 830	3	International Organisations and Global Security
MIAD 832	3	Civil-Military Relations
	3	<i>One Elective Course from Other Specialisations</i>
MIAD 891	3	<i>Research Project</i>

* General courses are **compulsory** for all candidates irrespective of your chosen specialisation.

* Each specialisation comprises four taught courses, assessed by semester-end examinations, plus

the completion of a substantial research project.

* Candidates are to pick a specialisation and one elective course from a specialisation other than

their main specialisation bringing the total number of taught courses for second semester to **Five**.

* **Odd code** numbers are for first semester courses for all MIAD candidates, while **even code numbers** are second semester courses for specific specialisation.

Course Synopses:

Presented below are all the courses under the MIAD Programme (with Specializations) and the Units of each course.

General Courses

MIAD 801: Research Methods

(3 Credit Units)

This course provides students with the basic tools to develop in-depth research skills.

MIAD 803: Foreign Policy Analysis

(3 Credit Units)

This course examines the foundation of the discipline of Foreign Policy Analysis and the role of various actors and processes that make up Foreign Policy Analysis.

MIAD 805: Area Studies (Middle East)

(3 Credit Units)

The course focus and position candidates more in-depth in flash point strategic areas that galvanise or pivot the international politics. The course will expose the candidates to the intricate socio-political, cultural and religious terrain of the Middle East area from a historical and theoretical point of view with an effort to synergise the issues and events in the Middle East to that of global politics.

MIAD 807: Contemporary Issues in World Politics (3 Credit Units)

The course seeks to build upon some knowledge and an existing interest, not only by providing relevant information and a context for making sense of particular issues, but also by explicitly addressing the question of what these issues collectively tell us about the nature of world politics.

MIAD 809: International Political Economy (3 Credit Units)

This course focuses on a wide spectrum of issues such as global trade, production and global finance based on empirical and critical analysis.

MIAD 811: Foreign Policy of Francophone (3 Credit Units)

The course examines and explain in details the strategic phases and methods used by France to maintain and control Francophone countries in West Africa. Interestingly, this relationship with France forms the basis for the foreign policy of Francophone West Africa countries.

MIAD 813: International Relations (3 Credit Units)

This course examines various theories in the field of International Relations. It is intended to introduce students to some of the theoretical and methodological debates in International Relations and research approaches to International Relations theory.

MIAD 815: Nigerian Foreign Policy (3 Credit Units)

This course, Nigerian Foreign Policy, examines objectives, principles, actors, determinants, and processes in Nigerian foreign policy formulation and implementation. It traces the historical background to Nigerian foreign policy and discusses the decolonization process, the role of political parties and many more domestic and external factors influencing Nigerian foreign policy from independence to date.

Specialisation- A - International Affairs

MIAD 802: International Politic: Theories and Practice (3 Credit Units)

This course is an academic field of international politics and it strives towards making you understand the three main goals; the interests and motives at play in the practical field of international politics; to explain the theories that aid the understanding of the interests and motives; and, if possible, with the insights provided by the theories, predict the course of events in the practical field of international politics.

MIAD 804: Human Rights, Democracy, and International Politics (3 Credit Units)

The course explores the concept of human rights as central issue in both domestic and international politics. The candidates are exposes to the need for respect of fundamental human rights which has not only become a critical element of democratisation but has also been a major subject in international politics.