New Minor in Diplomacy

We are excited to announce that starting Fall 2023, the Center for International Studies will be offering a new minor in Diplomacy. The Diplomacy minor will provide a broader understanding of global histories, politics, and cultures and prepare students for experiences related to international diplomacy. The minor is 21 hours, including a 3-hour capstone course taught by instructors with hands-on, real-life experience in diplomacy, providing students with an inside view. The first capstone course will be taught by the Director General of National Security for Belize and former Ambassador to the United States, Oliver del Cid, in Spring 2024.

All majors across the university, including International Studies majors, are able to declare the Diplomacy minor starting Fall 2023.

Note from the Director

Hello and welcome back! The pandemic knocked us a bit sideways for a minute, but we are up and running and excited about the academic year 2023-24, and to catch you up on what has been going on at the Center. A few of the highlights from 2021-23 include a faculty panel discussion on the emerging crisis in Ukraine, that involved lively commentary from the audience in a standing room only event. In addition to promoting academic discussions and inviting prominent scholars to speak, one of the main things we try to do at the Center is create opportunities that help students open doors and make connections. We were happy to be able to host several events where students were able to meet prominent people in their field of interest. Distinguished Alumnus, James Taylor (’81) kindly came to the Center and shared with students how his undergraduate experience in International Studies helped prepare him for a successful career in international consulting and business. And he offered students insight into how they can translate their educational experience into rewarding careers too. We also hosted Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Scott Reese, who shared his personal experience in the Foreign Service and discussed United States strategies in navigating the current political dynamic between the US, Russia, and China.

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MEET THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY - BELIZE

Oliver Del Cid, Director General of National Security for Belize, will be on campus Wednesday, October 18, to talk about about his experiences in politics and diplomacy. Del Cid is an alum of Texas State University. He has over 25 years in public service, including ten years as the Ambassador for Belize to the United States, along with ambassador and diplomat roles in Mexico, Haiti, Jamaica, and Guatemala. Mr. Del Cid will be teaching a class in Spring 2024 that is the capstone course in the new Diplomacy minor. Come meet a former ambassador and learn about his extensive experience in politics and diplomacy.

October 18
2-4pm
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