Foundations of Diplomacy

Diplomatic and Professional Communication Skills 1

Course Content

This course is designed to focus on the key linguistic skill areas required for diplomatic and professional communication. It will be oriented around the three core areas of networking, meetings and presentations.

Language areas covered may typically include:

• small talk and socialising
• business travel, dining and hosting
• opinions, agreeing and disagreeing
• querying, clarifying and interrupting
• negotiating
• chairing a meeting
• giving presentations, speeches and toasts

Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of the term you should be in a position to:

• adopt an appropriate tone in professional and diplomatic situations
• understand the importance of choosing ‘le mot juste’
• engage successfully in small talk