MERCY COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND DIPLOMACY PROGRAM

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
A degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from Mercy College is YOUR GATEWAY TO THE WORLD

The International Relations and Diplomacy program offers you academic and hands-on training you can use to shape the issues and events of our time. You will learn about global politics and economics, and develop a deep appreciation for cultures around the world. After graduation you'll be prepared for a career in business, government, military, non-profit organizations or civil service, to name a few. IRDP provides a well-rounded curriculum that develops **skills in a variety of areas that will be valuable no matter what field you decide to pursue**. Outside of the classroom, of different fields, and offers you many career options depending on your interests.

Some possible career areas include:
- **INTELLIGENCE OFFICER**
- **POLITICAL ANALYST**
- **FOREIGN POLICY ANALYST**
- **UNITED NATIONS OFFICER**
- **HUMANITARIAN NGOs**
- **RESEARCHER**
- **PROFESSOR**

Careers like those and more can be found at governmental agencies such as: the CIA, U.S. Department of State or U.S. Department of Defense: international organizations such as the World Bank or International Monetary Fund: or even at humanitarian NGOs.

**PROGRAM SKILLS**
- COMMUNICATION AND PRESENTATION
- CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND NEGOTIATION
- NETWORKING
- POLICY-ORIENTED WRITING, SUCH AS: POSITION PAPERS, TALKING POINTS, MEMORANDA, ISSUE PAPERS AND BRIEFING NOTES.

**INTERNSHIPS**
IRDP students have had valuable and rewarding internships that have enhanced their educations and given them real-world skills directly related to their future careers. Students have interned at:
- **EQUATORIAL GUINEA MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS**
- **SOUTH KOREAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS**
- **COUNSELOR-GENERAL’S OFFICE OF KOSOVO**
- **U.S. ASSOCIATION OF UNITED NATIONS - WESTCHESTER CHAPTER**
- **U.S. ASSOCIATION OF UNITED NATIONS - SOUTHERN NEW YORK DIVISION**

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
An international relations and diplomacy degree can be used in a variety of different fields, and offers you many career options depending on your interests.

**AWARDS**
Awards won by Mercy College International Relations and Diplomacy Delegations include:
- **HONORABLE MENTION** at Model United Nations Conference, New York, March 2013
- **DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION AWARD** at Model United Nations Conference, New York, March 2014
- **HONORABLE MENTION** at Model United Nations Conference, New York, March/April 2015
- **SECOND PLACE AWARD** Video Contest for the Model United Nations Conference, March/April 2015

**CORE FACULTY**

**Eduardo Zachary Albrecht, IRDP Program Head**
Albrecht obtained his Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. He has extensive experience with NGOs, working with African migrants in southern Europe and North Korean defectors in East Asia. In the past he served as a Professor of International Relations in South Korea, and has written policy recommendations with the European Institute for Asian Studies in Brussels and the International Peace Institute in New York.

**Michiko Kuroda, IRDP**
Kuroda studied in Belgium, Switzerland, USA and Japan. She holds double masters degrees in International Studies (International Relations and Law). She worked for the United Nations for 30 years, including as the Chief of Staff at the U.N. Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding Missions in Timor-Leste (UNMISET/UNMIT/UNMIT), She has extensive experience in conflict analysis, negotiation, resolution, mediation and conflict prevention. She is also a Life Coach for Transformation (CPC). Currently, she is a UNDP Peacbuilding Adviser, and on the roster of UN Mediators.

**MODEL U.N.**
According to the United Nations Association of the United States of America, more than 400,000 middle school, high school and college students worldwide participate in Model U.N. every year.

Model U.N. allows students to role-play as ambassadors from U.N. member states and debate current issues on the organization’s agenda. Student delegates gain valuable skills and real-world experiences through their ambassador duties, such as: making speeches, preparing draft resolutions, negotiating with allies and adversaries, resolving conflicts and navigating the Model U.N. conference rules of procedure. Many of today’s leaders in law, government, business and the arts, participated in Model U.N. during their academic careers, including: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, ABC’s This Week anchor George Stephanopoulos, U.N. Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon and actor Samuel L. Jackson to name a few.

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I have had many valuable experiences at Mercy College. I performed in multiple Model U.N. conferences and worked alongside diplomats and U.N. representatives. And, because of my professors, I was able to land an internship at the U.N. Association Southern New York. Now I am working for the Korean Mission to the U.N. The most important thing is that Mercy let me have a passion for international relations.

**Shamir Hyman**
B.S. in International Relations and Diplomacy ’15

I knew I wanted to major in International Relations, and I chose Mercy College because it offers students opportunities beyond the classroom and the faculty have years of professional experience. The International Relations and Diplomacy Program gave me a great opportunity to get started in a unique field and prepared me well for graduate studies.

**Andrew Frame**
B.S. in International Relations and Diplomacy ’12

As an International Student, Mercy College has given me the opportunity to have a career. I started an internship at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to the U.N. As of today, I am still working with them and learning. It is an amazing experience to be surrounded by important people with a lot of experience in world affairs, you definitely learn faster.

**Yannick Garcia Imbambe**
B.S. in International Relations and Diplomacy ’15

I would not have been able to do anything if I hadn’t had support from Mercy, including becoming an intern at the U.N. Association Southern New York. Now I am working for the Korean Mission to the U.N. The most important thing is that Mercy let me have a passion for international relations.

**Chaelin Kim**
B.S. in International Relations and Diplomacy ’15
Mercy College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.