STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

Mercy College helped me strengthen valuable skills essential to a career in international relations. I was part of the Environmental Sustainability and Justice Club, and the Model United Nations Club. Since then I’ve become the United Nations Association Young Professionals Program’s co-chair. Soon I will be working at the Permanent Mission of Dominican Republic to the United Nations.

Martha Perez
B.S. in International Relations and Diplomacy ’15

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 with an NGO that has been around for over 25 years at the United Nations combating the use of nuclear weapons and promoting charter reform.

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

SOME POSSIBLE CAREER AREAS INCLUDE:
- DIPLOMAT
- PEACEKEEPER
- JOURNALIST
- ECONOMIST
- RESEARCHER
- PROFESSOR
- UNITED NATIONS OFFICER
- HUMANITARIAN WORKER
- INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
- POLITICAL ANALYST
- FOREIGN POLICY ANALYST
- INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
- POLITICAL ANALYST
- FOREIGN POLICY ANALYST

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, United Nations or International Monetary Fund; and at humanitarian/environmental NGOs such as Amnesty International or World Wide Fund for Nature.

CORE FACULTY

Eduardo Zachary Albrecht, IRDP Program Head
Albrecht has published extensively on international relations and political anthropology, and is research director of Ethnographic Edge, a geopolitical forecasting project. In the past he has served as a professor of international relations in South Korea, and as a visiting fellow with the European Institute for Asian Studies in Brussels and the International Peace Institute in New York. He obtained his Ph.D. from the University of London.

Michiko Kuroda
Kuroda 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. She has extensive experience in conflict analysis and prevention. Currently, she is a UNDP peacebuilding advisor, and on the roster of U.N. mediators. Kuroda holds double master’s degrees in international relations and law.

Ed Lannert
Lannert spent most of his career in UNICEF. His leadership roles include director of human resources, regional director for the Middle East and North Africa, representative to Egypt and director of planning and evaluation. He is a graduate of the State University of New York and earned his master’s degree in history at the University of Wisconsin.

Megan Amer
Amer is the director of development for the Strategic Capacity Group, a nonprofit that focuses on international security. Previously, she worked at the U.S. Department of State where she managed interagency teams working on counterterrorism, counter proliferation, and counter narcotics efforts in Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia. Amer has a master’s in international affairs from George Washington University.

Awards won by Mercy College International Relations and Diplomacy Delegations include:

OUTSTANDING DELEGATION at Model United Nations Conference, New York, April 2017
HONORABLE MENTION at Model United Nations Conference, New York, March 2017
SECOND PLACE AWARD Video Contest for the Model United Nations Conference, March/April 2015

According to the United Nations Association of the United States of America, more than 400,000 students worldwide participate in Model U.N. every year.

MODEL U.N.
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 and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon to name a few.