
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND COOPERATION

ISLAM AND MUSLIM COMMUNITIES: PERSPECTIVES FOR FOREIGN POLICY

3 days

AS0107

This course provides an overview of Islam and Muslim communities that is of direct relevance to foreign policy development and practice. The three day course brings together leading academics and researchers, in addition to government officials and civil society, to equip participants with an analytical and practical framework to address contemporary issues around engagement of Muslim communities.

Participants will gain knowledge of the following:

- core elements of Islam historical development and diversity of contemporary practice;
- relationship between religion, politics and culture and how this is manifested locally and in the international sphere;
- political Islam (Islamic activism): implications for democracy and governance and relevance in fragile states;
- contemporary debates and challenges involving human rights, Sharia law, democracy promotion, and radicalization Canadian government initiatives;
- DFAIT's Muslim Communities Working Group, Canadian diplomats, partner departments involved in community outreach and engagement, and community activists.

Population: This course is designed for DFAIT employees and officials from other departments being posted to Muslim majority countries and Ottawa based employees working on bilateral, multilateral and/or thematic issues related to Muslim communities abroad

Mode of Delivery: Classroom

MISSION POSSIBLE : THE ROLE AND WORK OF POLITICAL-ECONOMIC OFFICERS ABROAD

2 days

IS0101

This course is designed to help political-economic officers going abroad to understand their role, give them practical tools for gathering and reporting information, and acquaint them with their major responsibilities through simulation exercises.

Population: Political-economic officers going abroad

Mode of Delivery: Classroom

MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

1 day

IS0341

This course is designed to give participants an overview of multilateral institutions and Canada's participation in them. Participants will be exposed to issues that may be relevant to mission operations and the evolving role of civil society, in particular NGOs, in multilateral diplomacy.

At the end of this course participants will be able to:

- identify key multilateral forums in which Canada participates;
- interpret current Canadian priorities as they relate to the agendas of international organizations;
- discuss what is expected of Canadian diplomats dealing with multilateral issues at bilateral posts;
- explain ways of handling complex and sensitive multilateral scenarios.

Population: All new entry-level rotational officers; officers being posted abroad who require this specialized training for their jobs

Mode of Delivery: Classroom