



THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING FOR THE FUTURE DIPLOMAT IN THE MODERN WORLD

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Abstract: *This article analyzes the growing importance of learning English for future diplomats in the context of modern globalization. The expansion of international relations and the strengthening of diplomatic ties have made English the primary medium for global communication, international negotiations, political dialogue, and multilateral cooperation. For future diplomats, mastering English not only enhances professional competence but also broadens opportunities for effective communication with foreign partners, understanding international legal documents, participating in global forums, and accessing up-to-date information.*

The study emphasizes that English plays a key role in strengthening diplomatic trust, preventing misunderstandings, and advancing bilateral and multilateral relations. The article also highlights the significance of English in cultural diplomacy, “soft power,” and promoting national interests on the international stage. Overall, strong proficiency in English is assessed as a strategic necessity for future diplomats to operate successfully and confidently in the global arena.

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Main Text

First and foremost, learning English allows diplomats to deepen their understanding of international politics, global security challenges, economic relations, and international law. Communication and language learning function as essential diplomatic tools. Language has long functioned as a key component of a nation’s soft power, enabling states to influence perceptions and build cultural affinity abroad.

Classical examples such as the Alliance Française (est. 1883) illustrate how language promotion may serve as a strategic tool of international communication.

Second is ethical and cultural learning for responsible diplomacy. The advent of digital technology and artificial intelligence has further transformed the landscape of diplomatic translation. While tools such as machine translation have revolutionized speed and



accessibility, they often lack the sensitivity and interpretive depth required for high-stakes negotiations (Mirzayev, 2024). Barman (2024) highlights the growing reliance on digital platforms in global diplomacy but cautions against overdependence on technology at the expense of human expertise. This tension between efficiency and accuracy underscores the need for a balanced approach, integrating technological advancements with the irreplaceable skills of human translators. Moreover, the historical evolution of translation in diplomacy is significant. Its importance can be traced back to ancient civilizations, where multilingual empires relied on translators to foster political and economic relations. These early translators were more than linguistic intermediaries; they were cultural mediators whose work shaped the trajectory of historical alliances and agreements. As Osborne and Rubiés (2016) observe, translation played a pivotal role in the diplomatic exchanges of the early modern world, facilitating interactions between vastly different societies and laying the groundwork for contemporary diplomatic practices.

According to statistics, African Union (2024), The Pan African University (PAU) has implemented several initiatives that align with the principles of knowledge diplomacy, aiming to foster collaboration, innovation, and integration across the African continent and beyond. While comprehensive datasets evaluating the

full impact of these initiatives are limited, available information highlights key aspects of PAU's contributions to knowledge diplomacy. Moreover, The Institute of Women's and Gender Studies – University of Granada, Spain

The University of Granada, Spain is a global hub for scholarship on the position of women in society. The Institute was founded in 1985 by a group of scholars committed to including feminist perspectives in their teaching and research to address societal inequalities between men and women. Since its founding, the Institute has positioned itself in several European and global networks, developing joint-university degree programs and collaborative research with universities on five continents. The Institute has also developed exchange programs with universities in the USA, Colombia, South Africa, Morocco, and India. Students travel to receiving institutions for part of their degree, developing their professional network and supporting international data collection. This is a vital part of knowledge diplomacy, as early-stage researchers develop into internationally networked, skilled researchers capable of addressing global issues collaboratively. Furthermore, partner universities from the Global South receive help from the experience and ability of Institute faculty as they take part in exchanges. Through a knowledge diplomacy approach, the Institute has strengthened IHERI efforts and collaboration between countries and



academics in Europe who are working to change gender inequity.

Conclusion

Learning English is a strategic necessity for future diplomats in the modern world. It strengthens intellectual capacity, improves communication skills, enhances technological awareness, and supports ethical and cultural

understanding. A diplomat committed to continuous learning is better prepared to navigate global challenges, contribute to peaceful international relations, and effectively promote national interests.

In a rapidly changing world, the success of diplomacy depends not only on experience but also on a diplomat's dedication to lifelong learning.

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