

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta is one of Indonesia's private university. Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta has made numerous efforts to produce graduates with both hard and soft skills, thus they can compete in the work environment and contribute to the nation's development. Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta has created an Internship course as part of its efforts. Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta's Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, International Relations study program includes an Internship course, which is an optional course for students in their 7<sup>th</sup> semester.

The internship course is worth one (1) credit and must be completed during the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> semester. The Department of International Relations hopes that by offering this Internship course, students will be able to hone their skills and put what they have learned in the Department of International Relations to use. Furthermore, the department expects students to be provided with opportunities to develop their interests and talents in the work environment, which is undoubtedly related to the world of international relations.

Students are also given the option of choosing their internship location, giving them the flexibility to choose based on their interests and talents. However, the Department of International Relations provides guidance in selecting a location related to international relations or in line with the thesis research to be conducted. As a result, interning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, particularly the Directorate of Multilateral Cooperation, is an appropriate choice.

Building and maintaining cooperation with foreign countries is one of the many activities carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. Building cooperation with foreign countries can be said to be a necessity in today's modern era as this makes many government and non-government agencies try to improve good relations with various other countries. Having good relations with various countries is one way to demonstrate active participation and support in development efforts. This is what gave rise to the correlation and relevance of international relations with the Directorate of Multilateral Cooperation of the Republic of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## **1.2 Objectives**

Objectives is a list of things to be attained or a purpose to be achieved by one's efforts.

### **1) Main Objectives**

- Enhance students' knowledge, experience, abilities, and skills, as well as put the Tri Dharma of Higher Education into action.
- Foster and strengthen collaboration between Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta's Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences and government agencies, in this case the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.

### **2) Special Objectives**

- To prepare for the work environment with professionalism in accordance with Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta's Department of International Relations' vision, mission, and goals.
- To compare, analyze, and apply knowledge gained in lectures to actual field conditions.

## **1.3 Benefits**

A list of things that produces good or helpful results or effects or that promotes well-being.

### **1) For Student**

- Apply what students have learned in lectures.
- Become acquainted with bureaucratic and administrative practices in the work units of the Republic of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Enhance the ability to socialize and interact in the workplace. thus students can easily adapt when they enter the work environment in the future.

### **2) For Agency/Company**

- Establish an organized and dynamic relationship between government agencies and institutions of higher learning.

- Promote mutually beneficial collaboration between government agencies (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia) and higher education institutions.

### **3) For Home University**

- Encourage mutually beneficial cooperation with the Republic of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Use feedback to improve the curriculum to meet the needs of the workplace.