



DIPLOMATISCHE AKADEMIE WIEN/ VIENNA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The DiplomatISCHE Akademie Wien–Vienna School of International Studies (DA) is a centre of excellence for the study of international affairs, dedicated to preparing talented university and college graduates for international careers and positions of leadership in international organisations and the EU. The main academic areas encompass international relations, political science, international and EU law, international economics, history and languages. We equip our students not only with the academic qualifications, but also the intercultural competences and negotiation and management skills which are today the essential and often decisive prerequisites for a successful entry into many international professions.



As a graduate of the DiplomatISCHE Akademie Wien–Vienna School of International Studies it is a particular honour and a great pleasure to return to this diplomatic centre of excellence as its director. My personal background is that of an historian and a career diplomat, who has had the privilege of serving as the Austrian ambassador in London and in Moscow for the last eight years. This has taught me how essential it is that the Academy's curricula reflect all the latest political and economic developments, and that students should profit from the Academy's increased activities as a foreign policy think tank.

Our students can expect state-of-the-art academic programmes and we encourage them to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. With faculty and students from almost 50 countries and with the vibrant background of cosmopolitan and 'high-touch' Vienna we can offer a truly international atmosphere at our DA campus.

Emil Brix
Director of the
DiplomatISCHE Akademie Wien–
Vienna School of International Studies

The faculty of the DA includes renowned academics, professionals and decision-makers from business and finance, the public sector and international organisations. The wide array of teaching methods offered at the DA provides students with a sustainable way of learning, adapted to individual learners and groups, and supported by tutorials.

The DA's unique teaching philosophy is built on five pillars:

- the highest academic standards
- multidisciplinary training
- the interplay between theory and practice
- full competence in languages
- an optimal student-teacher ratio.

This teaching philosophy ensures that students receive a world-class education in international affairs, an endeavour begun by Maria Theresa when she founded the Oriental Academy in 1754 to train young men for the diplomatic service of the Habsburg monarchy. The Oriental Academy evolved into the Consular Academy, and then in 1964 became the DiplomatISCHE Akademie Wien, which in 1996 was granted the status of an independent public institution. Our students thus profit from a long academic history, since the Academy is the oldest of its kind worldwide.



APPLICATION **WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN AN APPLICANT** In keeping with our mission we are looking for candidates with the highest academic standards and drive, a passion for experimenting to see how the theory of international relations works in practice, and outstanding motivation to become leaders. Selecting future DA students is a combination of looking for those who will profit most from what the DA has to offer, and those who show the most potential for leadership in the field of international affairs. We welcome applicants from a wide variety of academic backgrounds, with different talents and personal qualities, from all over the world. The qualities we hope that all DA students share are integrity, open-mindedness and intercultural awareness.

APPLICATIONS Please register electronically under <http://application.da-vienna.ac.at/> and submit the required documents to the registrar's office by the deadlines (see below).

APPLICATION DEADLINES MAIS: 15 January early admission, 1 March regular admission / PhD: 31 March / ETIA: 15 March / Diploma Programme: 15 January for entrance examination abroad, 1 March for entrance examination in Vienna.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT Financial assistance in the form of student loans and scholarships is available to specific target groups, depending on the number of sponsorships received. Additionally, there are a limited number of partial tuition waivers granted by the DA to students of all nationalities based solely on academic performance. In order to apply for a scholarship, applicants should send the completed and signed scholarship form via post to the DA by 1 March at the latest. For more information please consult <http://www.da-vienna.ac.at/programmes/>.

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MASTER OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (MAIS)

The MAIS is a full-time two-year academic Master's programme which centres on the advanced study of politics and international relations, international economics, history, and international and European law. This research-based programme requires students to complete an interdisciplinary thesis. Equipped with an extensive knowledge of international affairs, strong analytical skills, language competency and the experience of an international community, graduates proceed to positions in international organisations, the private sector and government, or to further research and academic careers. MAIS is a joint Master's degree of the Vienna School of International Studies and the University of Vienna.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Candidates must hold a first-level university

degree (minimum 180 ECTS or equivalent) in any discipline and have an excellent command of English (Council of Europe level C2).

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

All applications are reviewed by the MAIS Programme Committee. Candidates may also be required to sit a written exam and/or be available for an interview.

Duration	2 years
Credits	120 ECTS
Instruction Language	English
Tuition fee	EUR 27,500 (2020–22)
Academic degree	Master of Advanced International Studies (MAIS)
Commences	October

PHD PROGRAMME IN INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (IIS)

'Interdisciplinary International Studies' (IIS) is a four-year programme jointly organised by the Vienna School of International Studies and the University of Vienna. The programme is open to graduates (Master's degree) who wish to pursue a research project linking at least two of the four disciplines: legal studies, political science, international economics, and history.

The target group of the programme comprises highly qualified graduates who wish to work on an interdisciplinary

topic under the guidance of scholars from the chosen areas of study. For further information please see www.da-vienna.ac.at/phd or contact the DA's registrar at phd-programme@da-vienna.ac.at.

Duration	4 years
Instruction Language	English
Tuition fee	EUR 13,600 (prep year 2020–21)
Academic degree	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Commences	October



DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The Diploma Programme is a one-year full-time interdisciplinary postgraduate programme offering a broad overview of the system of international relations. Particular emphasis is placed upon the relationship between theory and practice and the promotion of plurilingualism by means of intensive language training. The programme addresses university graduates of all disciplines who wish to pursue an international career.

which can be taken either at an Austrian mission or at the DA in Vienna (admission interviews via Skype may be authorised, too). Exams usually take place in March (Vienna) or in February (outside Austria). A reading list is available to assist candidates prepare for the entrance examination. The list, together with sample questions and the exact dates of the exams can be found under www.da-vienna.ac.at/DiplomaProgramme.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Candidates must hold a first-level university degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS or equivalent) and have an excellent command of English. French and German language skills are an advantage.

Duration 1 year
Credits 60 ECTS
Instruction Language English, French and German
Tuition fee EUR 13,600 (2020–21)
Award Diploma of the Diplomatische Akademie Wien
Commences October

ADMISSION PROCEDURE Admission to the Diploma Programme is by means of a competitive oral entrance examination

Cooperation Programme with the TU Wien's Continuing Education Center: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (ETIA)

The two-year ETIA programme is a full-time professional Master's degree programme focusing on professional career development rather than a career in academia. It offers the opportunity to study environmental issues both from the technical and the international relations points of view. Participants are awarded an academic degree (MSc) from the TU Wien. ETIA prepares graduates for high-flying careers as manager, as well as for political and diplomatic tasks in the fields of environment and sustainable development.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE All applications are reviewed by the ETIA Programme Committee. Candidates may also be required to be available for an interview.

Duration 2 years
Credits 120 ECTS
Instruction Language English
Tuition fee EUR 27,200 (2020–22)
Academic degree Master of Science in Environmental Technology and International Affairs
Commences October

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS A first-level university degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS or equivalent) and an excellent command of English (Council of Europe level C2).

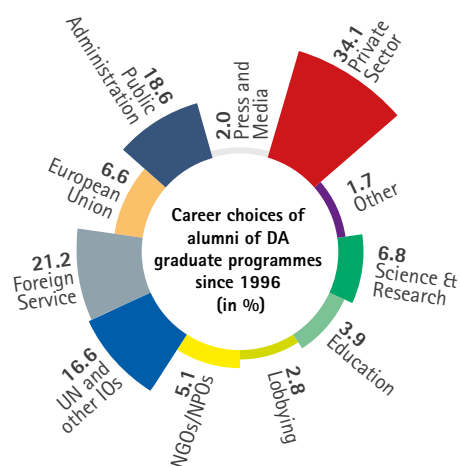


CAREER SERVICES AND ALUMNI NETWORK

da.link With its career services programme, the Vienna School of International Studies helps its students to actively prepare themselves for their chosen international careers. Throughout the academic year, both staff and professors of the DA offer individual counselling and support in career planning tailored to students' needs and career choices. Targeted events in the form of workshops, lectures, presentations and discussions allow students to make direct contact with leading personalities from the worlds of diplomacy, politics, business, culture, international organisations and NGOs.

OUR GRADUATES The DA has more than 2,400 alumni of its graduate programmes. They originate from more than 120 different countries. Many DA graduates have become diplomats, but even more have chosen different careers; in particular, in the public administration of their countries, in EU institutions, international organisations and the private sector. Since 1990 the DA Executive Programmes have trained more than 2,000 young diplomats and civil service officials from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, as well as from Central Asia, Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific Islands. Over the years, many participants in these courses have advanced to top positions in their chosen fields. To honour exceptionally successful graduates, in 2010 the DA introduced its Alumni Hall of Fame, into which new high achievers are inducted every year.

CLUBDA The primary function of the Alumni Association of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (ClubDA) is to foster and maintain contacts between former students and the DA. An annual international meeting of DA alumni in Vienna provides great opportunities for networking, as do regional alumni meetings in big cities around the world. Furthermore, ClubDA offers support to current students and alumni. Mentors are available to give advice and support to students who are looking for a job. In addition, alumni publicise job openings on the networking platform 'DA Wien Connect'. This is just one way in which the extensive network of DA alumni is able to make a significant contribution to the DA's career services.



This chart is based on the data of 1,579 alumni. Please note: the fields of work exceed 100 per cent as some alumni have changed their career paths over the years.