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Vienna School of International Studies  
École des Hautes Études Internationales de Vienne

## **PROGRAMMES**

The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna is a training institution offering postgraduate courses for university and college graduates of all disciplines as well as Executive Training Programmes.

## **POSTGRADUATE COURSES**

### **Master of Advanced International Studies (MAIS)**

The M.A.I.S. programme is a two-year academic programme which centres on the advanced study of politics and international relations, international economics, history, and international and European law. Students have to complete an interdisciplinary thesis in this research-based programme. Equipped with extensive knowledge, strong analytical skills, some language competency, and the experience of an international community, graduates proceed to positions in international organisations, business, and government or to further research and academic careers. The M.A.I.S. is a joint Master's degree of the Diplomatic Academy and the University of Vienna.

### **Cooperative Degree Programmes**

The DA has long established cooperative degree programmes with

- The Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Bologna Center)

<http://www.jhubc.it/academics/degree-programs/maia.cfm>

- Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

<http://fletcher.tufts.edu/academic/joints.shtml#Vienna>

First-year students at the DA have the opportunity to spend a second year in one of the partner institutions, from where, upon the successful completion of the requirements, they are awarded a Master's degree. Each institution maintains control of admission to its programmes.

### **Master of Science in Environmental Technology & International Affairs (ETIA)**

The ETIA Master course offers the opportunity of studying environmental issues both from the technical and the international relations points of view. This multidisciplinary approach prepares graduates for high-flying careers as managers and engineers, as well as for political and diplomatic tasks in the fields of environment and sustainable development, where they can rationally assess environmental requirements and actively take part in the shaping of new norms.

### **Diploma Programme**

The Diploma Programme is a one-year postgraduate training course in the theory and practice of international relations. Emphasis is placed, above all, on interdisciplinarity, the implementation of theoretical knowledge in practice and multilingualism. Diploma Programme students acquire the academic, practical and language skills necessary for a successful career in the international arena.

### **EXECUTIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

The Executive Training Programmes of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna include special courses, summer schools and seminars centering, above all, on EU specific topics. The programmes are shaped to fit the individual interests and needs of the different groups (diplomats, public administration members, international universities, companies, etc.). Furthermore, the DA offers support and training for states preparing for their upcoming EU presidency.

### **Summer Course: German Language and Austrian Studies**

The Summer Course of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna offers German language training for students of all levels. Additionally, students acquire valuable knowledge about politics, history, society and the Austrian culture.



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## **MASTER OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (MAIS)**

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Target group	University and college graduates of all disciplines and all nationalities who wish to attain profound knowledge of international relations through a multidisciplinary Master's programme
Language of instruction	English, with some optional courses offered in German and French
Start	26 September 2011
Application deadline	1 March 2011
Degree awarded	Master of Advanced International Studies
Duration	Two-year full-time programme

The MAIS programme extends over two years.

### MAIS1

In the first year of the Master of Advanced International Studies students attend classes in the fields of political science, international relations, economics and international economic relations, contemporary history, as well as international and European law. The student's interests, preferences and prior knowledge are taken into account in individual student counselling sessions. The knowledge previously acquired in undergraduate programmes is complemented and supplemented, and the necessary basis for the analysis of specific topic areas in the MAIS2 year is created.

### MAIS2

In the second MAIS year students apply the knowledge acquired during the MAIS1 year in specialised courses and seminars to analyse problems and solve case studies. Methodological and interdisciplinary seminars, presented by prominent personalities from politics and science, prepare students for writing their Master's thesis. In their Master's thesis students are required to analyse a specific problem in international relations from the aspect of at least two academic disciplines.

### Study Trips

Study trips form an integral part of both MAIS years. In the first MAIS year a study trip to Brussels offers students the opportunity to examine European institutions at first hand. During the second MAIS year there is a study trip to the countries of the Western Balkans (Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo). In addition, there are excursions to international organizations headquartered in Vienna (UNO, OSCE, OPEC, UNIDO, IAEA, EUMC).

### Language Training

Over the course of the two MAIS years students must complete language courses in German or French comprising at least 4 ECTS. In cooperation with the [Language Centre of the University of Vienna](#) the DA offers further optional courses in the official languages of the UN: Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.



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## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (ETIA)**

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Target group	University and college graduates of all disciplines and all nationalities who wish to attain profound knowledge of international relations through a multidisciplinary Master's programme
Language of instruction	English, with some optional courses offered in German and French
Start	26 September 2011
Application deadline	15 March 2011
Degree awarded	Master of Science
Duration	Two-year full-time programme

The ETIA postgraduate MSc programme lasts two years, one of which is spent at the DA and the other at the Technical University of Vienna.

## **Curriculum**

This two-year MSc covers a wide range of topics. The focus of the technical and scientific programme at the TU is placed on the quality management of air and water and the management of resources and energy, as well as topics regarding climate change and sustainable development. The international studies at the DA deal with legal, economic and political issues.

### **The curriculum at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna includes**

- political science and international relations
- international and European law
- international economics
- contemporary history
- optional courses

### **The curriculum at the Technical University of Vienna includes**

- general topics and seminars in environmental technology
- surveillance & sustainable development
- air, water and waste
- environment and technology



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Target group	Graduates (university or college) of all disciplines and nationalities
Language of instruction	English, with some courses in German and French
Start	26 September 2011
Application deadline	1 March 2011
Diploma awarded	Diploma of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
Duration	one year, full-time

### The course covers

- political science and international relations
- structure and functioning of international organizations and the European Union
- economics and international economic relations
- international law, institutional and material European law
- contemporary political history with emphasis on the states of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe
- language training at the highest levels in English, French and German

## **Skills Training**

- rhetoric
- presentation skills
- negotiation skills
- media relations

## **Study Trips**

The study trips abroad form an integral part of the Diploma Programme. The principle destination is Brussels where students can examine European institutions at first hand.

## **Language Training**

A challenging and multifaceted language training in English, French and German is included in the curriculum of the Diploma Programme. Classes take place in small groups. Participants are prepared for internationally recognized language certificate examinations (Cambridge Proficiency, Cambridge Advanced, DALF, ÖSD).

Students who wish to take the entrance exam for the Austrian Foreign Ministry (examen préalable) are offered additional courses in English and French preparatory for this exam.

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Should your institution or company and others be interested in tailor-made programmes, please contact [our team](#).

### **Our Current Programmes**

European Integration and Cooperation  
Executive Training Programme for Junior Diplomats and Civil Service Officials from East and South-East Europe and the Southern Caucasus Countries

European Integration Perspectives  
Diplomatic Training for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia

European Integration Perspectives  
Diplomatic Training for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro and other civil servants from the Montenegrin Administration



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## SUMMER COURSE

### For German Language and Austrian Studies

The Summer Course of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna offers German classes for learners of all levels. Beginners and intermediate level learners as well as those who would like to perfect their already very good command of German will find courses suitable to their individual knowledge. In addition, during the classes students have the opportunity to learn a lot about Austrian politics, history, society and culture.

Target group	Students and adults who want to learn German and know more about Austrian politics, history, society and culture.
Duration	8 August - 2 September 2011
Application deadline	1 June 2011

### Methodology and Topics

Classes are communicative, learner-oriented and based firmly on the needs of adults. Classes are based on levels A1-C2 of the Common European Framework of References. The trainers use the latest methodological and didactic insights of linguistics. Subjects chosen for the language classes make use of both topical and authentic materials, and include information on history, politics, economics and culture with of course, wherever appropriate, an Austrian slant.

### Small Groups

Classes take place in small groups. As far as possible the trainers take into consideration the individual needs and requests of the students.

### Course Programme

All classes have four hours of language training in the morning.

The afternoon is reserved for lectures, research topics and creative language training.

In addition, students have the opportunity to take the internationally recognised *Österreichisches Sprachdiplom* (ÖSD, Austrian Language Certificate) exam.

Detailed course programme of the **Summer Course 2010**. This information is available only in German.

The detailed course programme 2011 will be available in May 2011.

### **Research Topics**

An additional way to learn about Austria is through “Research Topics”. They make it possible for students to discover by themselves the real Vienna beyond the usual clichés and, at the same time, use the knowledge acquired in the classes.

### **Lectures and Excursions**

In addition to language training, the DA offers a programme of lectures on Austrian politics, history, economics and culture for the Summer Course participants. Students may also visit international organizations headquartered in Vienna, Austrian institutions and cultural establishments, and discuss various topics with their representatives. On a day trip to one of Austria's Federal States students can learn about the country beyond the borders of Vienna.