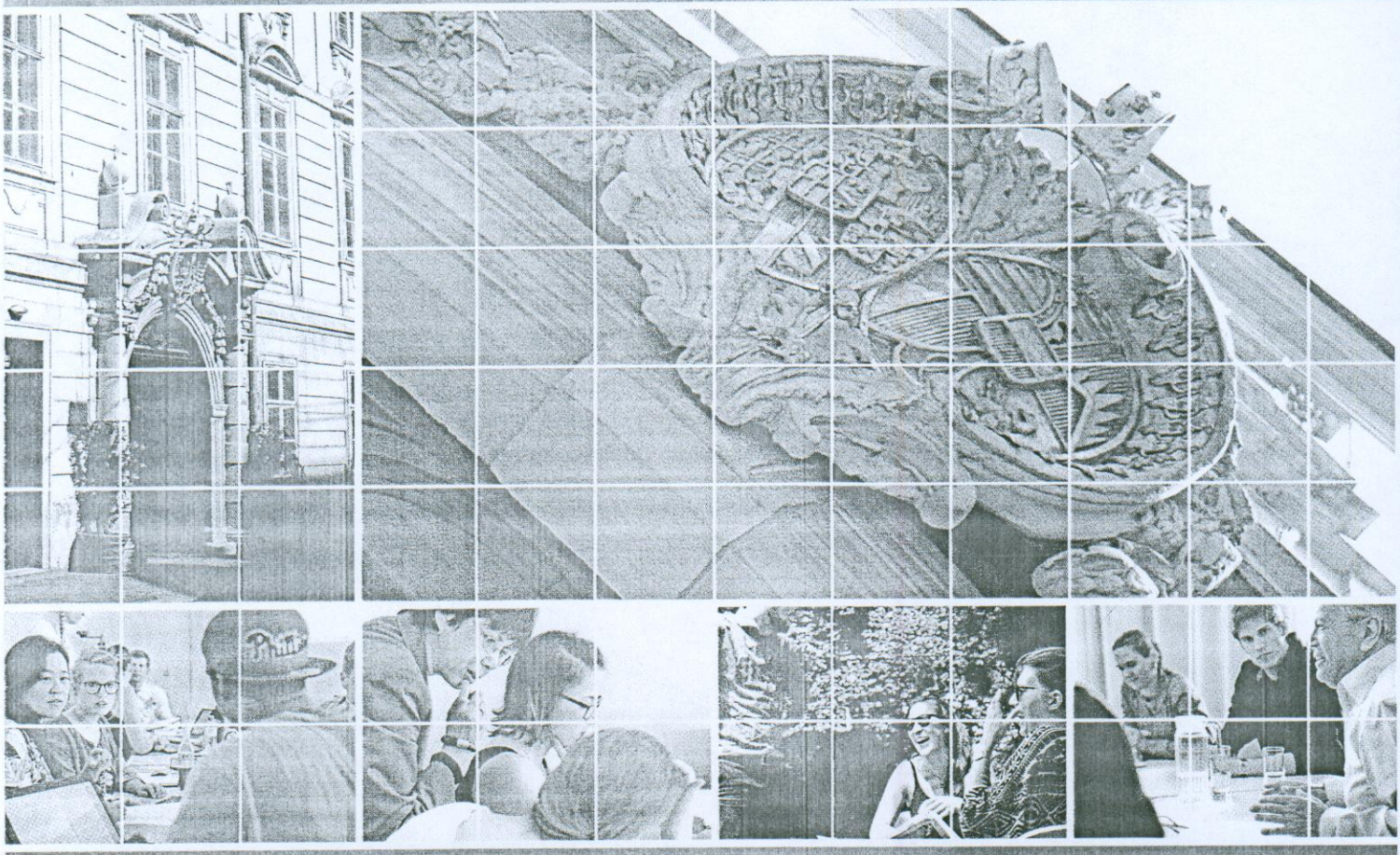

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MASTER OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (MAIS)

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME | FULL TIME

The MAIS programme is a full-time 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 an extensive knowledge in international affairs, strong analytical skills, 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 MAIS is a joint Master's degree of the Diplomatic Academy and the University of Vienna.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Candidates must hold a university degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS) 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 25,400 (2017–19)
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 Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (DA) and the University of Vienna. The new 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 particularly qualified graduates who wish to work on an interdisciplinary topic under the guidance of academics from the chosen areas of study. The interdisciplinary character of this doctoral programme is based on the combination of at least two of the four disciplines – legal studies, political science, international economics and history – in an academic research thesis project. For further information please see www.da-vienna.ac.at/programmes or contact the Diplomatic Academy's registrar at genny.chiarandon@da-vienna.ac.at.

Duration	4 years
Instruction Language	English
Tuition fee	EUR 12,500 (Prep Year 2017–18)
Academic degree	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Commences	October

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

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME | FULL TIME

The full-time two-year ETIA MSc programme combines international studies in major political, economic and legal issues concerning the environment and sustainable development with studies of environmental technologies, such as the quality management of air and water, the management of resources and energy, as well as climate change. This interdisciplinary programme is offered jointly by the TU Wien and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS Candidates must hold a university degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS) and have an excellent command of English (Council of Europe level C2).

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 25,000 (2017–19)
Academic degree	Master of Science in Environmental Technology and International Affairs
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 an obligatory intensive language training programme. The programme addresses university graduates of all disciplines who wish to pursue an international career.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Candidates must hold a university degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS) and have an excellent command of English, at least an elementary knowledge of French (A2) and a basic knowledge of German (A1).

ADMISSION PROCEDURE Admission to the Diploma Programme is by means of a competitive entrance examination which can be sat either at an Austrian mission outside Austria or at the DA in Vienna. Exams usually take place in February/March. A reading list is available to help candidates prepare for the entrance examination. This, together with a past examination paper, as well as the exact dates for the exams may be found under www.da-vienna.ac.at/programmes/diploma_programme.

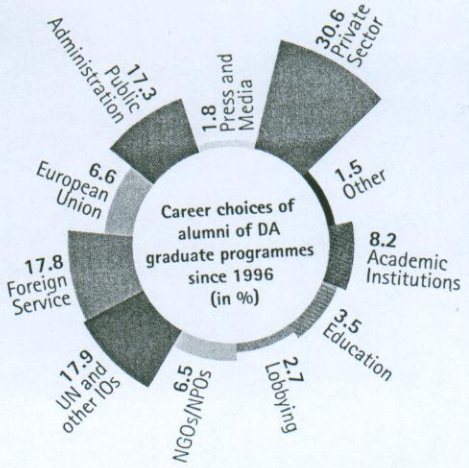
Duration	1 year
Credits	60 ECTS
Instruction Language	English, French and German
Tuition fee	EUR 12,500 (2017–18)
Award	Diploma of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna
Commences	October

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

CAREER CENTRE The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna helps its students to actively prepare themselves for their chosen international careers. Throughout the academic year, both staff and professors of the Academy offer individual counselling and support in career planning tailored to individual needs and career choices. Targeted events for career planning 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 2,000 alumni of its graduate programmes. They come from more than 115 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 Training Programmes have trained more than 1,500 young diplomats and civil service officials from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, as well as from Central Asia, the Caribbean and Pacific Islands. Over the years, many participants in these courses have advanced to top positions in their chosen field. To honour exceptionally successful graduates, in 2010 the DA introduced its Alumni Hall of Fame, into which each year new high achievers are inducted.

CLUB DA 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 Academy. 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 young alumni. Mentors are available to give advice and support to students who are looking for a job. In addition, alumni make job openings known on the Club's website. In this way the large network of DA alumni is able to make a significant contribution to the DA's career services.



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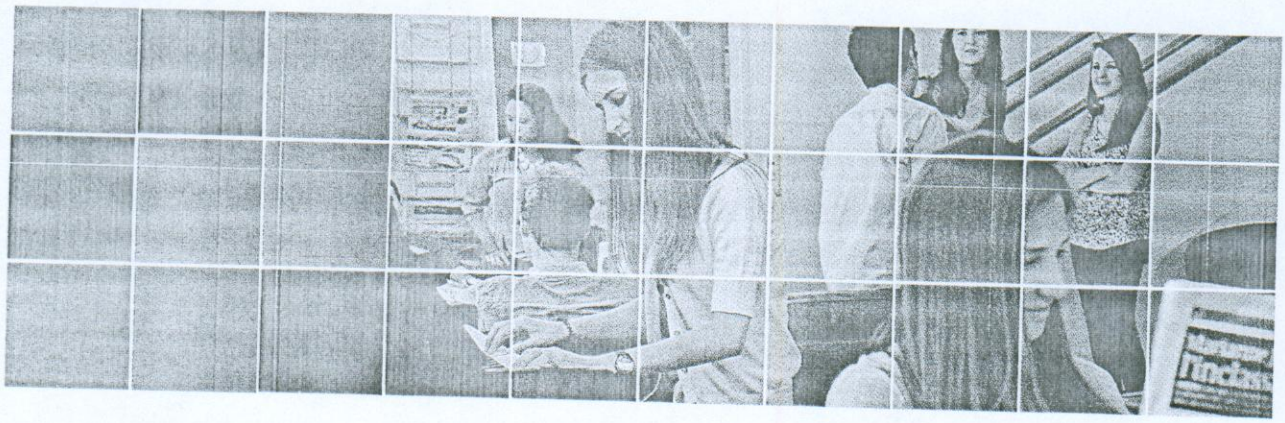


THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF VIENNA

It was both a particular honour and a great pleasure for me, a graduate of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna myself, to return here in April 2009 as Director after forty years of practical experience in the diplomatic service and in politics.

Looking at my own personal experience, I consider it especially important that the Academy's curricula reflect at any given time the latest political and economic developments. In addition to our academic programmes, we encourage our students to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

Like our students I appreciate to the full the truly international atmosphere at the DA which is a result of students from all over the world studying here. In the academic year of 2015–16 we had 173 students from more than 48 countries, thus generating an atmosphere of vibrant plurilingualism on our campus.

Hans Winkler
Director of the
Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

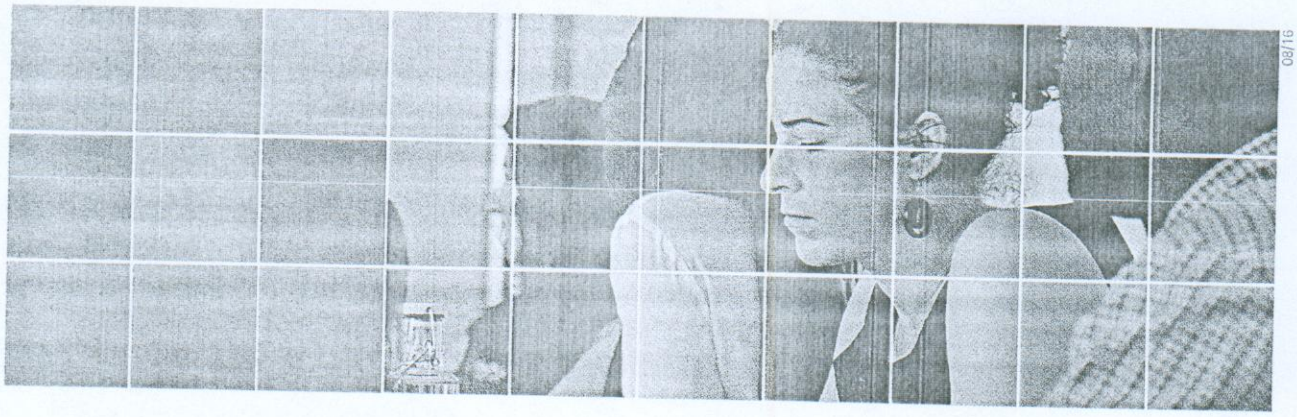
The Diplomatic Academy is a postgraduate professional school, dedicated to preparing talented university and college graduates for international careers and positions of leadership in international organisations and the EU. The main academic areas encompass international relations, political science, international and EU law, economics, history and languages. We equip our students not only with the academic qualifications, but also the intercultural competences, negotiation and management skills which are today the essential and often decisive prerequisites for the successful entry into many international professions.

The faculty of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna includes recognised 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 provide students with a sustainable way of learning, adapted to individual learners and groups, and supported by tutorials.

The Diplomatic Academy'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 the Empress Maria Theresa when she founded the Oriental Academy in 1754 to train young men for the diplomatic service of the Habsburg monarchy. Out of the Oriental Academy evolved first the Consular Academy and in 1964 the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, 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 second oldest of its kind worldwide.



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