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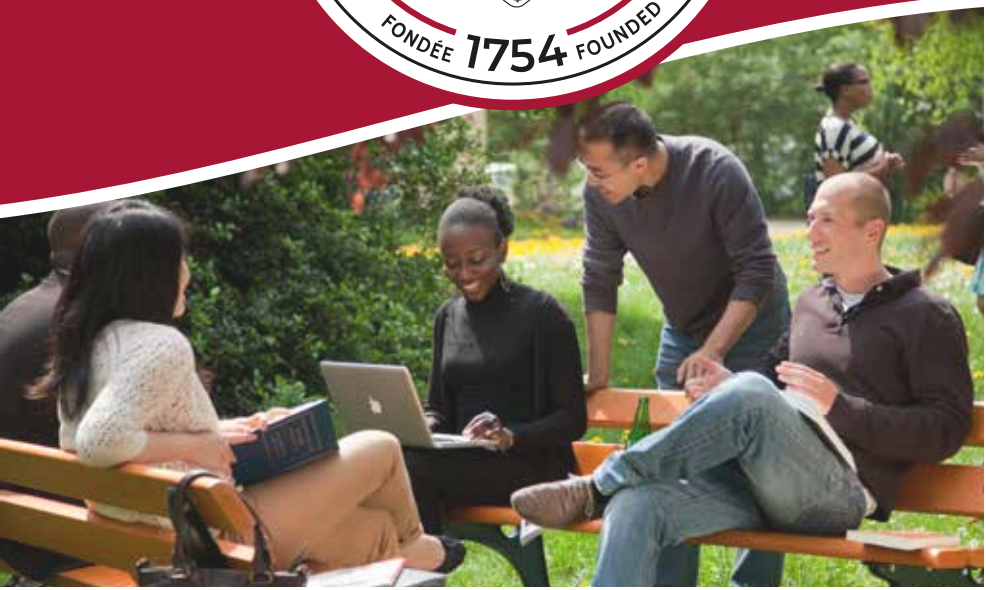


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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF THE DA



The Diplomatische Akademie Wien – Vienna School of International Studies is the oldest existing institution of its kind. Its very foundation as the Oriental Academy in 1754 was a reaction to the perceived need for diplomacy and dialogue.

Today, the DA is one of the leading postgraduate educational institutions for international studies worldwide. The core activity of the DA is to prepare its more than 200 students from over 60 countries and all continents to navigate the ever-changing geopolitical landscape and train them for international careers. In addition, the DA offers a broad range of Executive Training Programmes, public events and conferences.

To tackle global political, technological, economic and environmental challenges that are vital issues for our planet, decision-makers require a broad knowledge and profound understanding of the many dimensions of geopolitics.

On top of their comprehensive interdisciplinary academic qualifications, our students acquire valuable management skills, undergo extensive language training and regularly participate in high-level conferences, international excursions and other extra-curricular activities. We also support the Diplomatic Academy Students Initiative (DASI), an essential component of our active student community within the DA.

Students live and study on our campus in an exhilarating, close-knit community of people from all corners of the earth. And Vienna is quite simply one of the best locations from which to experience and understand what our globalised world requires in terms of both tradition and innovation. The large number of international organisations, the dynamism at the heart of Central Europe and its historical function as a diplomatic forum all combine to make Vienna a fascinating laboratory for the challenges of a global career.



We look forward to welcoming you at the DA!

Sincerely yours,
Martin Eichtinger & Martina Schubert
Director & Deputy Director

A unique educational experience combining a modern, international, diverse and dynamic community with the traditions, experience and knowledge of the oldest professional school in the world.

The DA's study programmes aim to equip students with the know-how and tools necessary to better understand, assess and actively define international global developments. The academic curriculum in the five study disciplines - political science and international relations, international economics, international and European law, contemporary history and cultural studies - is the cornerstone of all programmes at the DA.

The DA is an affiliate member of APSIA (Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs) and a member of UNAI (United Nations Academic Impact). In addition, the European Commission has awarded the DA with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) for the 2021-2027 period of the Erasmus+ Programme.

The DA is an autonomous institution of higher education established under Austrian public law. The statutory organs of the Vienna School of International Studies comprise the Board of Trustees, the Academic Board and the Director.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE DA

- Highest academic standards
- Pluridisciplinary study programmes
- Linking theory and practice
- Intercultural environment with an international and diverse student body and faculty
- Individual study programmes taking into consideration both previous experience and future career plans
- Strong language training programmes



Learn more about the DA at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/Organisation

OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Our interdisciplinary academic programmes are held in English, optional courses are offered in German and French.

Our academic disciplines:

- Political science and international relations
- International economics
- International and European law
- Contemporary history
- Cultural studies

Our target group:

Graduates (university or college) of all disciplines and nationalities



DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

One-year full-time course emphasising hands-on skills and languages for careers in European and international relations



MASTER *of* ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Two-year full-time interdisciplinary programme in international studies, economics, European and international law and history



MSc *in* ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Two-year full-time MSc programme tackling environmental challenges in their political, legal, technical and cultural dimensions



PhD *in* INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Four-year doctoral programme to pursue a research project linking at least two of the DA's academic disciplines



MSc *in* DIGITAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Two-year full-time MSc programme to better understand and apply digitalisation in fields like diplomacy, law, security and economics

Diploma Programme



Target group:
Graduates (university or college) of all disciplines and nationalities

Admission requirements:
- Degree of at least 180 ECTS from an accredited institution of higher education (university, college)
- Excellent command of English

Language of instruction: English, some courses in German & French

Start: End of September

Application deadlines:
Please see our website for more information on and dates of DLG entrance examinations and the respective application deadlines

Decision: 15 April

Degree:
Diploma of the Diplomatische Akademie Wien - Vienna School of International Studies

Duration:
One-year full-time interdisciplinary programme

ECTS points: 60



One-year full-time interdisciplinary programme in international and European studies in English, French and German with a special emphasis on professional skills and intensive language training

Check out our #DLG programme at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/DLG

Master *of* Advanced International Studies



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

Admission requirements:
- University degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS)
- Excellent command of English

Language of instruction: English, optional courses in German & French

Start: End of September

Application deadlines and decisions:
Application: 15 January
Early decision: End of January
Application: 1 March
Regular decision: End of March

Degree:
The „Master of Advanced International Studies" (MAIS) is awarded by the Vienna School of International Studies in cooperation with the University of Vienna

Duration:
Two-year full-time interdisciplinary programme

ECTS points: 120

In cooperation with

universität wien



Cooperative degree programmes

MAIS students have the opportunity to spend their second year of studies at one of our partner universities:

- Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Europe
- Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

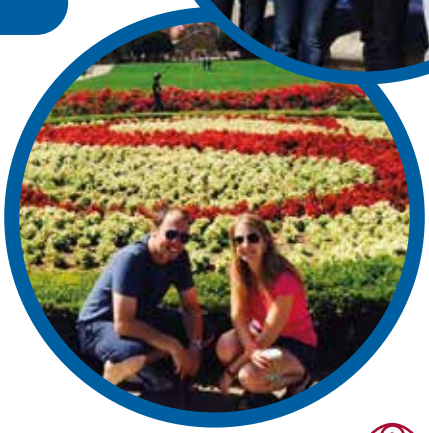
Exchange programmes

Four-month exchange programmes are available with:

- Stanford University, California | USA
- Korea University, Seoul | Korea
- The Hebrew University, Jerusalem | Israel
- Renmin University of China, Beijing | China
- Sorbonne University, Paris | France

Two-year full-time interdisciplinary programme in English on global and European affairs, international law, economics and history





Check out our #MAIS programme at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/MAIS

MSc *in* Environmental Technology & International Affairs



Target group:
Professionals and university graduates of all disciplines and nationalities holding at least a first university degree who are interested in a career in businesses and organisations dealing with the current and future challenges of the environment and sustainable development

Admission requirements:
- University degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS)
- Excellent command of English



Language of instruction:
English, optional courses in German & French

Start: End of September

Application deadline: 1 March

Decision: 15 April (earlier decision possible)

Degree:
The Master of Science (MSc TU&DA) in Environmental Technology & International Affairs is awarded by TU Wien in cooperation with the Vienna School of International Studies

Duration: Two-year full-time interdisciplinary programme

ECTS points: 120

Further information:
The first year of studies takes place at the DA, the second at TU Wien

In cooperation with

TU WIEN ACADEMY FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Two-year full-time interdisciplinary programme in English combining international studies and environmental technology for a sustainable future

Check out our #ETIA programme at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/ETIA

MSc *in* Digital International Affairs



Target group:
Professionals and university graduates of all disciplines and nationalities who wish to pursue a public or private sector career requiring a deep understanding of digitalisation in fields like diplomacy, law, security and economics

Admission requirements:
- University degree in any discipline (minimum 180 ECTS)
- Excellent command of English



Language of instruction:
English, optional courses in German & French

Start: End of September

Application deadline: 1 March

Decision: 15 April (earlier decision possible)

Degree:
The Master of Science (MSc CE) in Digital International Affairs is awarded by the University of Innsbruck in cooperation with the Vienna School of International Studies

Duration:
Two-year full-time interdisciplinary programme

ECTS points: 120

In cooperation with

universität innsbruck

Two-year full-time interdisciplinary programme in English with a focus on the digital transformation of international affairs

Check out our #DIA programme at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/DIA

Study in one of the world's most liveable cities and join the global family of the Vienna School of International Studies.

200 students originating from more than 60 different countries are enrolled in the DA's programmes each year, which makes the DA a unique, diverse, multicultural and dynamic place to study, learn and grow in and outside of its classrooms



STUDENT LIFE HIGHLIGHTS

- Study, live and eat right on campus in the heart of Vienna
- Traditional Diplomatic Ball at the DA
- Student magazine 'POLEMICS'
- More cultural, political and sporting events organised by student committees and societies
- DASICON (annual student-run conference)
- Study trips







Find out more about the DA's student life at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/Student-Life

Join our student societies who are active in organising annual academic conferences and talks, a charity ball, sports and cultural events, excursions, publishing the 'Polemics' magazine, producing regular podcasts, etc.

French Society



Environmental Society



Queer@DA



Sports Society



Polemics



STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN MORE THAN 20 SOCIETIES AT THE DA!

Find out more about our students' activities at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/Student-Societies

Benefit from a broad range of programmes for students and alumni to acquire the necessary know-how and skills for a successful international career.



da.link career counselling

Individual Sessions

Analysing personal interests and job prospects, discussing application strategies and documents (CV checks)

da.link career day

Professional Speed Dating

Networking with potential employers to learn about key assets and expectations

da.link career talks/lunches

Wednesday Sessions

Inviting alumni and HR professionals who share their experiences and insights into different fields

'The da.link career services have been a true highlight of my studies at the DA. Individual counselling has helped me upgrade my CV, and the career talks have been a great opportunity to build my personal network and to define my professional goals. All this culminated during the da.link career day where I received my first internship offer.'



Anja Vujakovic
ETIA 2018-20

da.link career skills

Seminars and Workshops

Equipping students with a broad variety of skills necessary for today's job market

da.connect

Networking and Career Platform

Connecting students and alumni through an interactive online platform including a job board, mentoring and more

Learn more about the da.link programme at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/Career-Services

Participate in study trips for a unique educational experience.

The DA's study trips provide deep insights into the politics, economy, history and culture of important cities and regions.

From Brussels to the capitals of the Western Balkans, the Baltic states and more ...







'Our visit to Brussels was a fantastic opportunity to observe the inner workings of a significant political city. Our excursions to the three main EU institutions and NATO headquarters as well as the Austrian Permanent Representation were insightful experiences for our diverse student body. Between our daytime agenda, the DA alumni networking event and our free time in the evenings, we gained an inside perspective on working and residing in this international hub. Overall, it was a great bonding and learning experience!'

Jonna Gazzola
MAIS 2018-20



Learn more about the DA's study trips at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/Study-Trips

Become part of a global network of alumni supporting each other and the next generation of DA students through career services, mentoring, scholarships and more.

CAREER SUPPORT
Guiding and mentoring our graduates

SCHOLARSHIPS
Giving back to the next generation

NETWORKING
Connecting the global DA family

EVENTS
Organising meetings around the world





Alumni all over the world (as of 2025)

Almost 3,000 alumni from more than 130 countries spanning all continents call the DA their alma mater.

Graduates of the DA can be found in the public administration of their countries, EU institutions, international organisations, the private sector and serving as diplomats.



'My time at the DA was defining. Not only did I make lasting friendships, learned from amazing professors and was embedded in an excellent community. I also left with more global connections than I could ever imagine. Benefitting from the global reach of the DA's network, I always wanted to support this community of alumni and students. As president of club.da, I aim to continue strengthening ties with alumni and other institutions to provide value and services for current and previous students.'

Oliver Authried
ETIA 2013-15



Find out more about club.da and the DA's alumni network at
https://club.da-vienna.ac.at

Alumni of the Diplomatische Akademie Wien are global leaders in international organisations, NGOs, public service as well as the private sector.
We are proud to share some stories about the careers of alumni of the DA's academic and professional programmes ...



Shruti ATHAVALE

FROM ETIA VIA
ENERGY TO SUSTAINABILITY
CONSULTING



Miriam BAGHDADY

FROM ETIA TO THE
AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION
FEDERATION



Severin BROUCEK

FROM DLG VIA
CORPORATE BANKING TO
EDUCATION



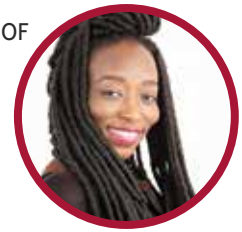
Roger HILTON

FROM MAIS TO THINKING
ABOUT THE GLOBAL FUTURE



Jan Willem SCHOLTEN

FROM MAIS TO THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF
THE NETHERLANDS



Hawa KEBE

FROM DLG TO UNIS

Read more DA alumni stories at
https://club.da-vienna.ac.at/WeAreDA

club.da

Multilingualism at the DA is not just something that exists on paper. The Academy is thus very much a polyglot institution: every year approximately 25 languages are represented on campus and on average each student uses four languages actively.

- Language training with a focus on the fields of diplomacy, politics, economics, law and culture
- In-house training in English, German and French, including academic writing and additional key skills
- Optional courses in additional languages are available
- An absolute 'must' for anybody seeking a high-flying international career



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Sonya Farquharson, Coordinator for English Language Training and Academic Writing

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Bernadette Couloumiès-Friscic, Coordinatrice du Département de Français

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CCI PARIS ILE-DE-FRANCE EDUCATION

ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE la francophonie

Learn more about multilingualism at the DA at https://da-vienna.ac.at/Languages

SUMMER COURSE FOR GERMAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE IN AUSTRIA





Every year in August, the DA offers an intensive German language programme of three weeks for learners of all levels. The programme is suited for (future DA) students, diplomats and professionals from a broad variety of international fields.

By means of creative language learning, research projects and leisure activities, participants discover Austria in all facets as well as apply the new language skills acquired during classes.



'My summer at the DA has been an exceptional experience, meeting one of the most incredible and diverse groups of people who taught me so much about themselves and their cultures.'

Jivrai Dhaliwal
Summer Course
2022



Learn more about the Summer Course at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/Summer-Course

PUBLIC EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Distinguished representatives from the worlds of politics, diplomacy, academia, business and culture regularly gather at the DA to analyse and discuss current developments and trends with our students, alumni and the interested public.

More than 200 public events take place at the DA each year, providing students with the unique opportunity to get in touch with professionals from a broad range of fields. These events include formats such as public lectures, high-level talks, panel discussions and the annual DASICON, a conference organised solely by the DA's students.



Many of the DA's events are broadcast live and can be found on our pages on Facebook and YouTube.

RECENT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Active Diplomacy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo**
  Talk by Louise Nzanga Ramazani, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to Germany
- **Moldova's Path to EU: Opportunities and Challenges**
  Talk by Mihai Popșoi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova
- **Permanent Neutrality. The Foreign Policy of Costa Rica**
  Talk by Arnoldo André Tinoco, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Republic of Costa Rica
- **NATO at 75. Strengths. Challenges. Perspectives**
  Talk by Lord George Robertson, former Secretary General of NATO and Defence Secretary of the UK
- **Strengthening Multilateralism and International Solidarity: The Role of the UN**
  Talk by Dennis Francis, President of the United Nations General Assembly for its 78th session
- **From Non-Aligned to NATO: The Evolution of Finland's Security Policy**
  Talk by Elina Valtonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland
- **EU Enlargement for Stability**
  Talk by Jakov Milatović, President of Montenegro
- **The Middle East in 2024: Challenges and Opportunities**
  Talk by Fuad Hussein, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq

Check out the DA event calendar at
https://da-vienna.ac.at/Events

- *Graduate studies for university and college graduates of all disciplines*
- *Number of faculty: more than 100*
- *Number of students: more than 200*
- *International campus in the heart of Vienna*
- *Global network*
- *da.link career services*



MISSION STATEMENT

The Vienna School of International Studies (Diplomatische Akademie Wien, l'École des Hautes Études Internationales de Vienne) is a centre of excellence for the study of international affairs.

We are proud to be the oldest professional school in the world, having launched talented men and women into international careers and positions of leadership over the course of more than two centuries.

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