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2 DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

The Diploma Programme ('DLG') is a one-year interdisciplinary postgraduate programme offering a broad overview of the system of international relations. Particular emphasis is placed upon:

- linking theory and practice
- promoting plurilingualism by means of intensive language training.

Students are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to pursue an international career.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. university first-level degree (bachelor's degree or equivalent) in any discipline
2. excellent command of English (B2); non-native speakers need to furnish evidence of their English language skills. For details on accepted certificates, please check our website at www.da-vienna.ac.at/DiplomaProgramme

French (elementary, A2) and German (beginner, A1) language skills are an advantage.

Admission to the Diploma Programme is by means of a competitive oral examination which can be taken either at the DA in Vienna or at an Austrian mission outside of Austria.

The entrance examination consists of an interview before a commission. All details about the exam structure and how to prepare for it are available online at www.da-vienna.ac.at/DiplomaProgramme

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- Political science and international relations with special emphasis on European integration studies
- Structure and functioning of international organisations
- Economics and international economic relations
- International law and the law of the European Union
- Contemporary political history with emphasis on Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe
- Intensive language training.

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION

The language of instruction is predominantly English. Some classes are held in French and German.

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Language training in English, French and German aiming at full proficiency is compulsory.

Further language training is offered in cooperation with the Language Centre of the University of Vienna.

FINAL AWARD

Diploma of the Diplomatische Akademie Wien.

For Austrians holding a bachelor's degree, the Diploma awarded by the DA is the requirement for admission to the Austrian foreign service examination (Examen A-Préalable) under current Austrian law. For up-to-date information, please consult <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/das-ministerium/karrieremoeglichkeiten/laufbahn-im-bmeia/hoehoerer-auswaertiger-dienst/>

Graduates of the Diploma Programme with excellent academic results and who fulfil specific curricular requirements are eligible for direct admission into the second year of the MAIS or ETIA master programmes.



www.da-vienna.ac.at/DiplomaProgramme

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline	Results	Programme start
15 January Entrance Examination abroad	April	September
1 March Entrance Examination at the DA	April	September

The MAIS programme is designed to deal with global issues from a multidisciplinary perspective.

The goal of the MAIS programme is equipping students to understand, assess and impact on international issues.

The two-year programme is intended for university graduates of any nationality who are interested in further academic specialisation in international studies with a particular focus on Europe.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. university first-level degree (bachelor's degree or equivalent) in any discipline
2. proficiency in English (Council of Europe level C2); non-native speakers need to furnish evidence of their English language skills. For details on accepted certificates, please check our website at www.da-vienna.ac.at/MAIS

Complete application files are reviewed by the MAIS Programme Admissions Commission. Candidates may also be required to sit a written exam and/or be available for an interview.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- In the first year students assimilate the principles of the four core disciplines of the programme:
 - a) Political science and international relations
 - b) International economics
 - c) International and European law
 - d) History.
- The second year offers advanced courses and seminars. Students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in the core disciplines and to combine insights from different disciplines.
- The programme culminates in the writing of an interdisciplinary master's thesis.
- Individual research is part of the requirements: besides writing their master thesis, students are expected to complete seminars during both study years.
- Elective courses in the modules for 'Area Studies' and 'Austrian Studies' complete the curriculum.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

LANGUAGE TRAINING

French and German language courses are offered on all levels at the DA.

Further language training is offered in cooperation with the Language Centre of the University of Vienna.

DEGREE AWARDED

Master of Advanced International Studies, awarded by the DA together with the University of Vienna.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Second-year students are eligible for admission to three- to four-month exchange programmes between the DA and the following partner universities:

- Stanford University** (Master's programme at FSI)
- MGIMO** (Master Programmes in International Affairs and Political Science)
- Korea University's Graduate School of International Studies** (MA Programmes in International Studies)
- China Foreign Affairs University** (CFAU)
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem** (European Forum's Study Programmes).

Any academic credits earned at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution.

COOPERATIVE DEGREE

The DA has long-established cooperative degree programmes with the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS Europe) and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

 www.da-vienna.ac.at/MAIS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline	Results	Programme start
15 January – Early Decision*	End of January	September
1 March Regular Decision	End of March	September

* candidates seeking financial assistance are encouraged to apply by the Early Decision deadline.

ETIA is a professional master's degree programme* dealing with political, legal and technical dimensions of environmental issues. Organised in cooperation with TU Wien CEC, the ETIA programme prepares students to rationally assess environmental requirements and actively take part in the shaping of new norms during their international careers in environmental management, private businesses and organisations. This programme is open to graduates of all disciplines and nationalities.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. university first-level degree (bachelor's degree or equivalent) in any discipline
2. proficiency in English (Council of Europe level C2); non-native speakers need to furnish evidence of their English language skills. For details on accepted certificates, please check our website at www.da-vienna.ac.at/ETIA

No specific academic background in natural sciences is required.

Complete application files are reviewed by the ETIA Admissions Commission. Candidates may also be required to sit a written exam and/or be available for an interview.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

ETIA offers a unique combination of social and natural sciences with a strong legal component.

The first year (60 ECTS) at the DA covers

- Political science and international relations
- International economics
- International and European Law
- Contemporary political history.

The second year (60 ECTS) at the TU Wien offers

- General Topics and Seminars in Environmental Technology
- Surveillance and Sustainable Development
- Air, Water and Waste
- Environment and Technology.
- The programme culminates in the writing of an interdisciplinary master thesis.
- Individual research is part of the requirements: besides writing their master thesis, students are expected to complete seminars during both study years.

* 'Universitätslehrgang' in accordance with §56 of the University Act 2002, BGBl I Nr. 120/2002 as amended

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

DEGREE AWARDED

Master of Science (MSc) in Environmental Technology and International Affairs awarded by TU Wien.



www.da-vienna.ac.at/ETIA

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline	Results	Programme start
'Die PRESSE' Scholarship End of January/February*	March	September
Admission to the ETIA programme 15 March	Mid-April	September

* Current deadline is posted every year in December on the donor's website (<https://www.diepresse.com/bildung/stipendium>)

'Interdisciplinary International Studies' (IIS) is a four-year doctoral programme open to graduates whose research projects link two of the four core disciplines: legal studies, political science, international economics and history.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

1. second-level university degree (master's degree or equivalent, 300 ECTS) in disciplines related to the proposed research project
2. proficiency in English (Council of Europe level C2); non-native speakers need to submit an official certificate, details available at www.da-vienna.ac.at/PhD

Relevant professional experience is an advantage.

A completed online application form together with all the required documents must be submitted to the Vienna School of International Studies (DA) by the deadline. Application details are posted at www.da-vienna.ac.at/PhD

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme involves demanding coursework prior to writing a doctoral thesis, during the prep-year.

Students select two disciplines, in which they sit comprehensive exams, and which feature in their doctoral theses. The disciplines to choose from are

- Political science/IR
- Law
- History
- Economics.

Students have two dissertation supervisors from different disciplines, one from the DA and one from the University of Vienna. The specific curriculum for the prep-year is defined in agreement with the supervisors and on the basis of the specific research project.

Supervisors from both institutions are appointed by the Steering Committee upon admission to the programme.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

DEGREE AWARDED

Doctor of Philosophy – PhD, awarded by the DA together with the University of Vienna.



www.da-vienna.ac.at/PhD

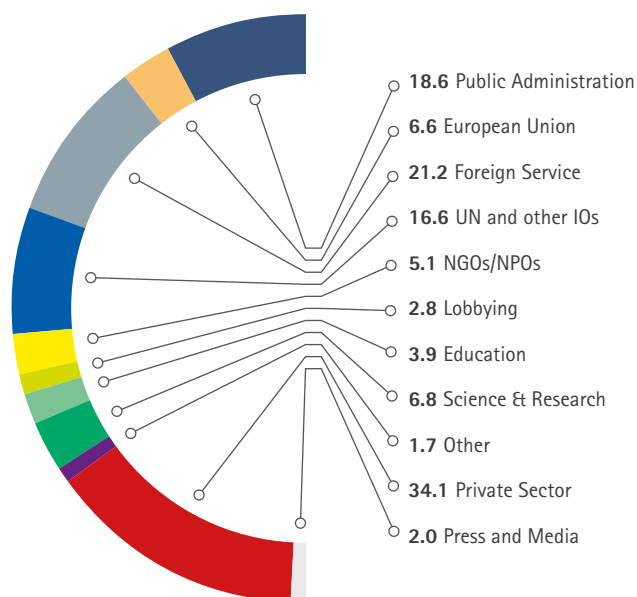
DATES TO REMEMBER

Application	Results	Confirmation	Programme start
End of January–End of March*	July	August	September
* Please check the programme website www.da-vienna.ac.at/PhD for updated information on application opening/closing dates.			

To add to its excellent academic training, the DA offers a broad range of opportunities for students and alumni to actively prepare themselves for their chosen international careers. da.link, the DA's career services programme, is tailored to our students' and alumni's individual needs and career choices.



CAREER CHOICES OF ALUMNI OF DA GRADUATE PROGRAMMES since 1996 (in %)



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



'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 Vujaković,
ETIA 2018–20,
Intern, Emerging Compliance Regimes
Division, Department of Environment,
UNIDO



'The da.link career day is a fantastic opportunity to meet potential future employers, ranging from a very interesting selection of private sector companies to government ministries and international organisations. On top of that, many career talks and skills seminars are offered by the DA. The CV clinic with Andreas was outstanding, indicating strong and weak points of my CV, and receiving valuable input on areas to improve. Among the many skills seminars, the workshop on communication and rhetoric as well as the crisis management seminar delivered helpful skills which enabled me attain my current position as HSEQ manager at an oil & gas major.'

Phillip Farbowski,
ETIA 2017–19,
HSEQ Manager, Total

DA.LINK CAREER SERVICES AT A GLANCE

da.link career counselling Individual Sessions	Analysing personal interests and job prospects, discussing application strategies and papers
da.link career day Professional Speed Dating	Networking with potential employers and finding out about key assets and expectations
da.link career skills Seminars and Workshops	Equipping students with a broad variety of skills necessary for today's job market
da.link career talks/lunches Wednesday Sessions	Inviting alumni and HR professionals who share their experiences in different fields
da.link career portal https://career.da-vienna.ac.at	Featuring internship co-operations, upcoming talks, seminars and add'l resources
DA WIEN CONNECT https://clubdanetwork.com	Connecting students and alumni and offering a job board, mentoring and more

More than 2,500 alumni from over 125 different countries on all continents call the DA their alma mater. 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 in the private sector.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

In addition to its networking platform 'DA WIEN CONNECT', the main opportunities for the DA, its alumni and students to stay in touch are the online-magazine ClubDA News, event and information newsletters as well as social media platforms and alumni gatherings around the world. The Academy, ClubDA and its more than 20 local chapters organise a great variety of events that range from the annual International Alumni Meeting in Vienna to local get-togethers, talks and panel discussions, excursions and sporting events.



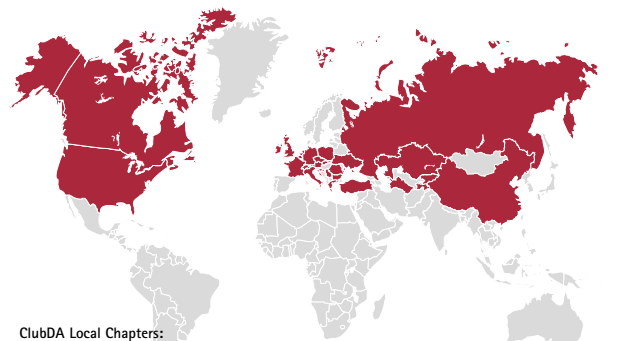
'I was deeply impressed with the frame for intellectual discourse and the multicultural setting the DA provided. It enables you to grow and you have the great chance to leave this institution as a more global and inter-connected citizen. Setting that aside, the times at the Topsy Weasel and all the trips organised by the DA were simply unforgettable. As ClubDA President, I wish to ensure that all DA Alumni keep in touch with their academic roots and expand their network.'

David Lansky,
ClubDA President,
MAIS 19 (2014–16)

ClubDA – OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The primary function of the DA's Alumni Association, 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 organised by ClubDA's more than 20 local chapters (see map).

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 announce job openings on the Club's interactive networking platform 'DA Wien Connect'. In this way, the large DA alumni network is able to make a significant contribution to the DA's career services. Finally, in 2011 ClubDA's General Assembly decided to introduce the ClubDA Scholarships programme, providing DA students in need with financial assistance in order to enable them to finish their studies at the DA.



ClubDA Local Chapters:

Ankara Chapter | Athens Chapter | Beijing/Shanghai Chapter | Belgrade Chapter | Berlin Chapter | Bratislava Chapter | Brussels Chapter | Bucharest Chapter | Kazakhstan Chapter | Kyiv Chapter | London Chapter | Luxembourg Chapter | Moscow Chapter | Ottawa Chapter | Paris Chapter | Prague Chapter | Salzburg/Munich Chapter | Sofia Chapter | Switzerland Chapter | The Hague Chapter | U.S. Chapter | Vienna Chapter | Warsaw Chapter | Zagreb Chapter

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.

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/>

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).

Programme	Course Focus	Deadlines	Further information
DLG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Emphasis on the practice of international affairs■ Intensive language training■ Practical skills www.da-vienna.ac.at/DiplomaProgramme	15 January Entrance Examination Abroad 1 March Entrance Examination in Vienna	Two academic reference letters required Entrance examination takes place at: DA Austrian Embassy/Consulate General in your country or online. For more infos see www.da-vienna.ac.at/DiplomaProgramme
MAIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ DA's core programme in international affairs■ Multidisciplinary approach to tackle global issues■ Academically oriented www.da-vienna.ac.at/MAIS	15 January 'Early Decision' 1 March 'Regular Decision'	Two academic reference letters required. Candidates who are seeking financial assistance are suggested to meet the 'Early Decision' deadline: see www.da-vienna.ac.at/MAIS
ETIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Professional Master's degree■ Cooperation with the TU Wien■ Understanding the political, technical, and legal dimensions of environmental issues■ Background in natural sciences is NOT required www.da-vienna.ac.at/ETIA	End of January = scholarship 'Die Presse' 15 March	Two academic reference letters required see www.da-vienna.ac.at/ETIA
PhD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Small cohorts (max. 5 students)■ Interdisciplinary research topics combining at least two of the four disciplines: legal studies, political science, international economics and history www.da-vienna.ac.at/PhD	End of January – End of March*	Applications usually open by the end of January Please check the programme page for detailed information: www.da-vienna.ac.at/PhD

* Please check the programme website www.da-vienna.ac.at/PhD for updated information on application/closing dates.

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