Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy

The Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy (MACD) is a modular postgraduate academic degree programme delivered over 18 months, in a mixture of campus-based and online (live interaction), jointly by UNITAR and the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA). Designed as an in-career programme, MACD has a compact structure and covers two disciplines, namely, anti-corruption and diplomacy. The programme offers a series of interdisciplinary modules which concentrate on concepts and practical tools for preventing and countering corruption, and diplomacy.

The MACD programme offers a rigorous, diverse, and innovative anti-corruption and diplomacy curriculum. It reflects a variety of academic disciplines necessary for providing comprehensive insight into corruption, anti-corruption, compliance systems, and diplomacy. Students and their employers benefit from both the academic and practitioner focus of the programme.

At the end of the Master’s Programme, students will be able to:

- Better understand and comprehend the nexus between diplomacy and anti-corruption;
- Contribute to the prevention of and the fight against corruption;
• Develop, strengthen and use research, drafting and analytical skills;
• Interact with and develop a strong network of international professionals who can assist them both during and after their studies;
• Apply acquired skills, knowledge and tools in their respective careers and fields of work.

Participants will acquire a total of 90 ECTS in subjects and cross-cutting themes relating to economics, behavioural science, ethics, law, compliance, diplomacy, international law, digital and cyber diplomacy, as well as essential skills for an international career such as negotiations, leadership, effective writing, public speaking and stakeholder coordination and engagement. Programme delivery is campus-based and virtual live interaction, with the first module taking place at the UNITAR Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, ensuring effective knowledge transfer and the immediate applicability of the knowledge and skills acquired. The programme is completed with the successful submission and defence of a master’s thesis for which a supporting course in research methods is incorporated into the modules. The master’s thesis defence in this programme will take place online. Upon successful completion of the master’s thesis defence, the graduates will visit IACA’s campus, in Laxenburg, Austria, and attend their graduation ceremony, organized by IACA.

Modules:

• Research & Writing
• Skills for an International Career in Diplomacy
• Introduction to Studies of Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy
• Politics, Sociology, Criminology and Economics of Corruption
• Anti-Corruption Legal and Ethical Frameworks in Public and Private Sector
• Corruption, Cybercrime and Compliance
• Digital and Cyber Diplomacy: Diplomacy in the 21st Century
• Anti-Corruption Tools: Prevention, Criminalization, and Law Enforcement

The programme offers a unique, blended learning experience with remote and face-to-face learning methods. The programme utilizes a variety of learning approaches including lectures, case studies, interactive sessions, group work, and stakeholder discussions to identify best practices in anti-corruption and diplomacy. In addition, MACD modules are complemented by expert talks on anti-corruption and diplomacy topics.

The MACD programme is designed for those holding an undergraduate degree who intend to avail an opportunity to study under some of the world’s most renowned experts in anti-corruption and diplomacy, in a participatory and unique international environment, and within a group of motivated and committed individuals in order to deepen their understanding of anti-corruption and diplomacy, and hence adding greater value to their respective careers, organizations and societies.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for the Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy, candidates must be fluent in English, possess a valid passport or national identity cards and have completed an undergraduate degree.

After signing up, we will kindly ask you to send to diplomacy@unitar.org the following documents:

- a copy of your CV
- a copy of your passport
- a copy of your bachelor degree certificate in English
- motivation letter

After reception of those documents, your application will be carefully considered.

**ADMISSION PROCESS**

Admission is granted on a rolling basis. However, early application is recommended given the limited number of places on the programme. A non-refundable application fee of 100 EUR shall be paid by all applicants.

**DURATION**

The Master programme has a total duration of 18 months, with 25 - 32 contact hours per week.

*Find more information on the MACD here.*

UNITAR and IACA also offer a joint 6-month Executive Diploma in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy. *Find more information here.*

**OPEN MODULES**

UNITAR and IACA also offer the possibility of attending individual modules, allowing participants to gain insights into anti-corruption and diplomacy without attending the whole programme. *Find more information on open modules here.*