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# MASTER *in* ANTI-CORRUPTION AND DIPLOMACY

A JOINT IACA – UNITAR MASTER'S PROGRAMME

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IACA MASTER'S  
PROGRAMMES

**MACD**

POSTGRADUATE  
PROGRAMME



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With its inclusion into the SDGs (SDG16, target 5), fighting corruption has become a cross-cutting issue of the Global Agenda. The IACA/UNITAR joint Master's Programme in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy will prepare future leaders of the international system to contribute to Good Governance by fighting corruption efficiently based on the rule of law. This is IACA's first joint academic programme with the United Nations, adding real value to the sustainable development agenda.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Stelzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'S'.

Thomas Stelzer  
Dean & Executive Secretary, IACA



The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is a leading provider of training in global and strategic challenges for professionals both within and outside of the United Nations system and delivers more than 500 training activities per year, reaching over 55,000 professionals worldwide. Providing capacity-building activities and executive learning for diplomats, government officials, international civil servants and private sector entities, UNITAR's Division for Multilateral Diplomacy seeks to equip leaders of the world in the fields of diplomacy and international affairs while meeting complex global challenges and contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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## INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) is an international organization and post-secondary educational institution based in Laxenburg, Austria. Through education, training, research, and cooperation, IACA empowers professionals and provides technical assistance to stakeholders seeking to strengthen their anti-corruption and compliance regimes. 80 member states and international organizations form part of its global constituency.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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 classes, jointly by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

The MACD programme is designed for those 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 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 organizations and societies.



DURATION 18 months

NUMBER OF CREDITS 90 ECTS

START DATE 20 SEP 2021

END DATE 26 MAR 2023

FEE 17.900 EUR



# ABOUT

The programme includes 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 & engagement. The programme utilizes lectures, case studies, interactive sessions, group work, and stakeholder discussions to identify best practices in anti-corruption and diplomacy.

MACD modules are complemented by expert talks on anti-corruption and diplomacy topics. Programme delivery is a combination of self study using Learning Management Systems, one module with campus-based interactive lecture, and remaining modules with virtual live lectures. The first module takes place at UNITAR Headquarters in Geneva. The programme is designed to ensure 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.



# TARGET AUDIENCE

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.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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.



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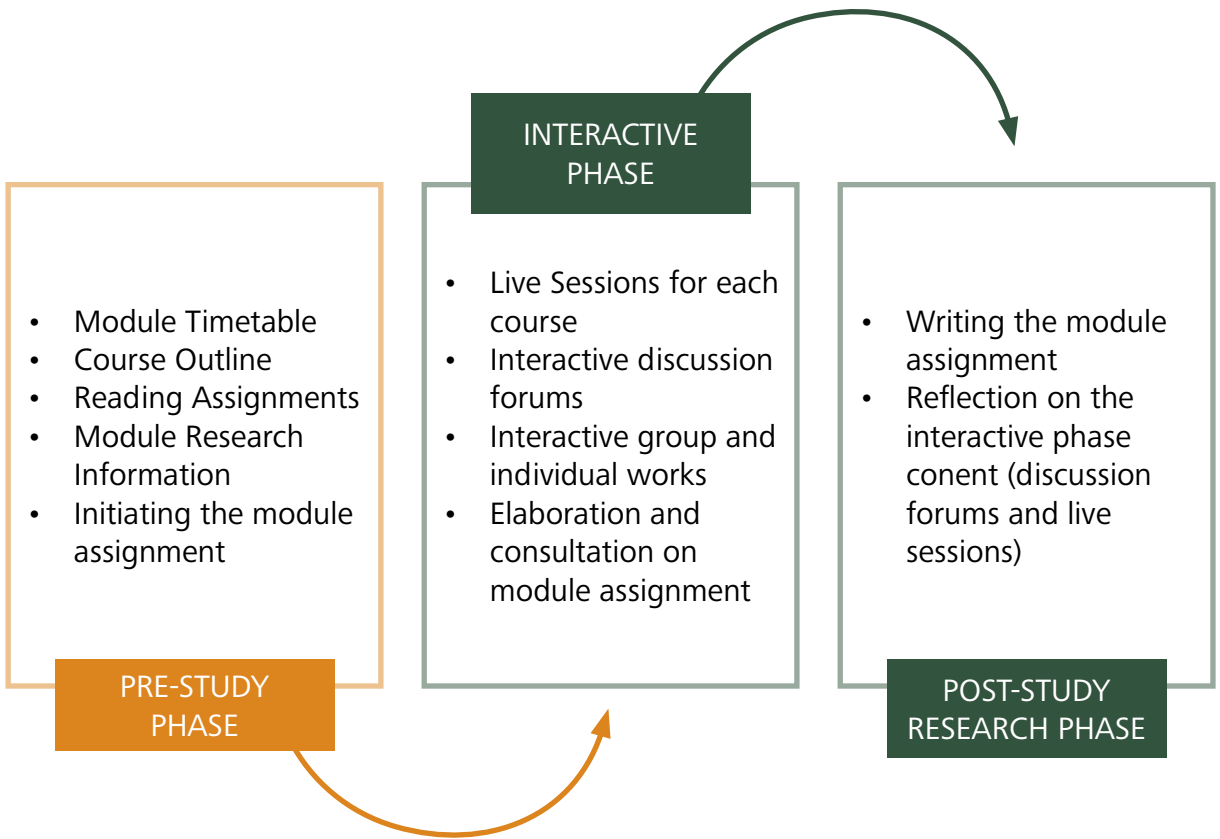
# STRUCTURE AND CURRICULUM

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.

- 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

Each module runs for a period of 9 to 10 weeks and is comprised of three phases: Pre-Study Phase (Asynchronous), Interaction Phase (Synchronous), and Post-Study Research Phase (Asynchronous).



# QUOTES



I am thrilled to announce the launch of the new joint UNITAR and IACA Master in Anti-Corruption with the first cohort starting in September 2021. This program offers participants the unique opportunity to study within a truly international and participatory environment and learn from some of the world's most renowned experts in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy.

**Nikhil Seth**

United Nations Assistant Secretary General  
Executive Director, UNITAR

International cooperation is proving to be the key to successful global anti-corruption reform. Cooperation, in turn, requires intelligent diplomacy from well-trained leaders. IACA's globalized faculty, staff, and students, and its close connections to the major international institutions, allow it to provide this uniquely important program."



**Andy Spalding**

Associate Professor at the University of Richmond School of Law



With the joint Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy, UNITAR and IACA join forces and expertise to bring together international young professionals from various fields to study under outstanding experts in anti-corruption and diplomacy, creating a unique community of committed and motivated individuals.



**Rabih El-Haddad**

Director, Division for Multilateral Diplomacy, UNITAR



The new Master in Anti-Corruption and Diplomacy taught jointly by UNITAR and IACA is an excellent opportunity for young professionals to not only acquire and enhance their skills and knowledge in diplomacy, anti-corruption and other essential cross-cutting topics like economics, leadership and law, but also to become a part of a unique international network of professionals.

**Jerome L'host**

Senior Consultant and UNITAR Expert

IACA and UNITAR have created a one-of-a-kind Master degree that not only highlights the nexus between anti-corruption efforts and multilateral diplomacy, but also includes a series of interdisciplinary modules and modules on essential diplomatic skills, effectively preparing future leaders for an international career.



**Shaun Riordan**

Director of the Chair for Diplomacy and Cyberspace of the European Institute of International Studies and UNITAR Expert

# 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 the following documents to [diplomacy@unitar.org](mailto:diplomacy@unitar.org):

- 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.

## HOW TO APPLY

MACD 2021 programme applications are available online on IACA's website, [www.iaca.int](http://www.iaca.int)

For the full list and up to date programme information and for an overview of all the courses please check [WWW.IACA.INT](http://WWW.IACA.INT)







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