

MACS - Master in Anti-Corruption Studies







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»Corruption's detrimental effects on the welfare of societies cannot be redressed with quick-fixes. The MACS programme provides its participants with innovative strategies and tools for tackling this menace at its core. It integrates a vast spectrum of academic disciplines and sectors in the delivery of sustainable methods and results.«

Martin KREUTNER
Dean and Executive Secretary
IACA

The Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) is a two-year programme designed for working professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree. It consists of seven intermittent ten-day modules in Laxenburg, Austria, and includes study visits to other regions of the world. Additional MACS coursework is to be completed during the time periods between each module. MACS students will have the opportunity to study in a participatory environment, among a group of motivated and committed individuals.

Students and employers will benefit from the rich academic and practical focus offered by the first ever international Master programme in anti-corruption. Graduation from the MACS will offer employment opportunities in such fields as compliance, law enforcement, investigative journalism, academia, finance, and international affairs.

ABOUT IACA

IACA is an international organization which aims to substantially contribute to the global fight against corruption. Through education, research, and cooperation, it strives to address shortcomings in knowledge and practice and empower professionals. It draws on an unwavering drive towards excellence, a spirit of innovation, and a commitment to rendering itself accessible to participants from each part of the world.

IACA was initiated by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the Republic of Austria, and other stakeholders. It has been an international organization since 8 March 2011. It has a constituency of about 70 UN Member States and international organizations, and cooperates with a number of international bodies and academic institutions.

»Fighting corruption is not simply a form of governance; it is a tool of governance upheld by responsible humanity. In the MACS programme, students learn the art and science of this important discipline. They are the steering force to a clean, fair, and just society.«

Daniel Ming-chak Li

Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations (ret.) Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption
MACS lecturer



LOCATION

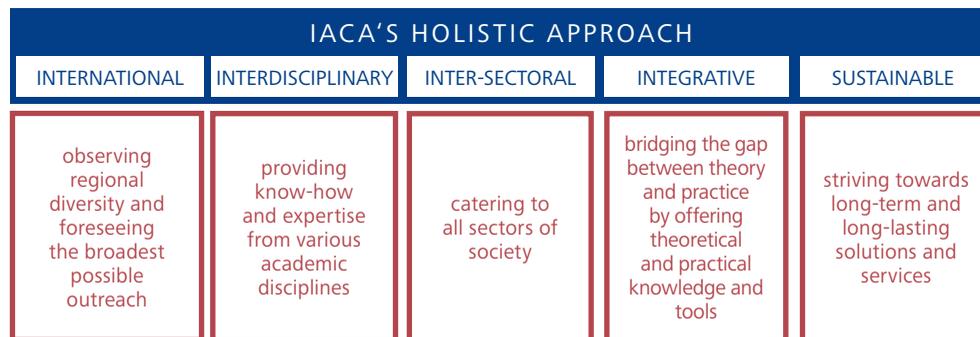
With state of the art facilities, IACA offers a campus atmosphere and a conducive learning environment. It is situated in Laxenburg, a small picturesque town neighbouring the Austrian capital, Vienna. Rated as having the best quality of life in

the world, Vienna and its surroundings offer vast cultural and historic sites and a reminiscing glimpse of 19th century Europe.

Every year thousands of international students come to Vienna to pursue their studies and enjoy the vast social opportunities the city offers. Known for some of the world's most historic conferences, Vienna is home to more than 30 international organizations and hosts one of the four main United Nations offices.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Based on IACA's new holistic approach to the fight against corruption, the MACS offers a diverse curriculum. It reflects the different academic disciplines necessary for providing comprehensive insight into the corruption phenomenon, while also offering know-how and expertise from non-academic fields.



PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The MACS will enable professionals in managerial or leadership positions to become better acquainted with the intertwined manner in which corruption manifests itself and the social complexities surrounding it. The participants will be provided with the necessary skills and tools to better understand and contribute to the fight against corruption and take preventive measures to this effect in their own environment. They will have the chance to develop a strong network of professionals that will assist them both during and after their studies.



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND DIDACTIC DESIGN

The MACS is a two-year programme consisting of seven intensive ten-day modules, which take place in three-month intervals at the IACA campus and in other locations worldwide. This amounts to approximately 70 classroom days. The format allows for maximum learning opportunities within a condensed period of time.

During the first academic year, the programme includes a series of multi-disciplinary core courses that provide participants with a strong foundation of fundamental theories on corruption, combined with academic research methodology.

During the second academic year, the programme focuses on courses that provide participants with practical strategies in countering corruption.

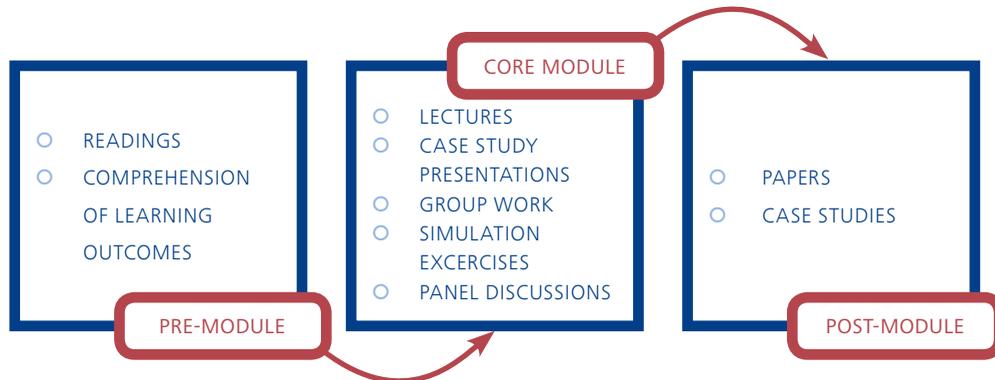
Additionally, participants are required to complete a thesis for which supporting courses are provided.

Throughout the programme, participants will also attend sessions conducive to their personal development. These sessions are meant to facilitate networking within the group and enhance an open attitude toward common and sustainable solutions.

Courses are carried out through lectures, case studies, interactive games, group work, and stakeholder discussions, and strive to prepare the students to offer effective anti-corruption measures themselves. All modules are complemented by panel discussions, excursions,

MACS CURRICULUM	MODULE I Concepts and Issues in Corruption
	MODULE II Political Science and Corruption
	MODULE III Economics of Corruption
	MODULE IV Anti-Corruption, Law and International Initiatives
	MODULE V Anti-Corruption, Compliance and the Private Sector
	MODULE VI Anti-Corruption, Enforcement and the Public Sector
	MODULE VII Corruption Prevention and the Future of Anti-Corruption
	Master Thesis

and special events. The MACS will enable individuals to take part in the programme while maintaining their current professional careers. It combines distance learning with in-class modules using a three-tier modular structure (pre-, core- and post-module), ensuring effective knowledge transfer and the immediate applicability of the content.



The **pre-module** (self-study) phase offers readings and assignments which aim at achieving an equal standard of knowledge within the group.

The **core module** (in-class) phase allows participants to expand on and utilize the knowledge they acquired in the pre-module (self-study) phase. Participants are guided by lecturers who provide them with more in-depth knowledge and practical tools. This phase prepares participants for the practical use and application of the material in their professional settings.

During the **post-module** (written assignment) phase, participants have the opportunity to apply the knowledge gained while carrying out their assignment or project which reflects the overall learning outcomes of each module.

The MACS programme has been developed in consultation with and is supported by major international stakeholders from all sectors. For more information on our partners, please consult our website at www.iaca.int/constituency/partners.html.

»I really enjoyed the MACS programme because of the diversity of people that I interacted with, not only culturally but also from a career perspective. Part of the driver for me in signing up was to learn about what other corporations are doing and what best practices would be.«

Karen Schonfelder (Canada)

Nexen Energy
MACS graduate



CANDIDATE PROFILE

The MACS programme aims to bring together professionals from all regions of the world, who have a minimum of three years of working experience in the private or public sector, international, non-governmental or civil society organizations.

The programme also caters to media representatives and academics with a proven history of academic research in areas related to corruption.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate degree, equivalent to a Bachelor degree
- Minimum of three years of relevant work experience or a proven history of academic research in areas related to anti-corruption and/or compliance
- Proficiency in written and spoken English



ADMISSION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Participants are selected taking into account their professional and academic experience. IACA is committed to promoting diversity and strives to attract participants from various regional backgrounds. Bringing together diverse perspectives and practices to better learn about and tackle corruption is essential to the quality of the MACS programme.



APPLICATION PACKAGE

**Online application form,
accompanied by the following documents:**

- University diploma, university transcripts and the English translations where applicable
- Curriculum Vitae or résumé
- Personal statement
- Proof of English proficiency
- Passport copy
- Colour photo
- Two letters of recommendation submitted directly to IACA by the recommender
- Non-refundable application fee of 100 EUR

To access the online application form, please visit our website at www.iaca.int/master-programme/macs.html

»I just couldn't think of a better place to study. Being a working lawyer, I don't think I could have ever taken a programme full-time. However, this programme allowed me to combine my work with my studies and get the most out of it.«



Arjun Ahluwalia (India)
Argentum Advisors
MACS graduate

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

IACA offers a limited number of scholarships for applicants from Least Developed Countries (LDC). These highly competitive scholarships fully or partially cover the programme fee, travel, and accommodation expenses.

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP

Companies, organizations, and public-sector entities often provide financial support or grant educational leave to their employees who continue their education. IACA will assist applicants who have completed their application in preparing a sponsorship proposals for their employers.



KEY FACTS

Degree and International Recognition/Accreditation

MACS participants will receive a Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in Anti-Corruption Studies which includes 120 credits (European Credit Transfer System) and enables enrolment into Ph.D. programmes.

The Academy is a post-secondary institution established under international law. Its programmes and certificates are recognized by the laws of its seat state, Austria, in accordance with the European Bologna Process.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please visit our website, www.iaca.int/master-programme/macs.html, for up-to-date information on the dates.

APPLICATION FEE

IACA requires a non-refundable application fee of 100 EUR from all applicants.

DURATION

The two-year MACS programme consists of seven modules, each of which includes a two-week in-class session.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

PROGRAMME FEE

The overall programme fee is 28,820 EUR (MACS 2017, to be adjusted for inflation for subsequent intakes). The fee is to be paid in two installments. The programme fee includes all teaching materials and catering during the in-class modules, but does not cover accommodation and travel expenses.

ACCOMMODATION

IACA will assist participants in finding accommodation.

LOCATION

IACA campus, Laxenburg, Austria, and other locations worldwide in cooperation with partner institutions.



INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY



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