



## El **MASTER'S DEGREE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

of the Diplomatic School of Spain has established itself as a world reference in the Spanish language in the training of analysts and experts in international relations and international politics. This postgraduate course is aimed at non-Spanish diplomats and people interested in pursuing a professional career in the international arena.

To this end, the Master's Degree offers specific training in diplomacy and international studies, aimed at providing students with the appropriate tools to successfully develop their profession within the framework of the Diplomatic Services, International Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, and private entities in the international sphere.

The international dimension and the spirit of coexistence created at the Diplomatic School between Spanish and foreign students (including young diplomats from different parts of the world) is a very useful way for Spain to cooperate with the other members of the International Community to achieve a more prosperous, secure and stable world.

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## in Diplomacy and International Relations

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# CURRICULUM

The program of Master's Degree of Continuing Education in Diplomacy and International Relations is organized following current legislation and consists of a total of 60 ECTS credits. It is taught in Spanish during one academic year, from October to June. It consists of a core module and a specialization module. Students must submit a research paper (TFM) on a topic of interest in the field of international relations. Classes are taught by university professors and Spanish diplomats assigned to the central services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spanish ambassadors, and other experts in their respective fields.

The curriculum is organized as follows:

Core Module	24 ECTS (1 ECTS = 7,5 hours)
Specialization Module	8 ECTS
Seminars	4 ECTS
Final work (TFM)	6 ECTS
Languages	10 ECTS
Conferences, visits and interviews	6 ECTS

## CORE MODULE

First and second trimester. It includes the following subjects:

- International Relations
- History of International Relations
- European Union
- International Public Law
- International Economics and International Markets
- Theory and Practice of Diplomacy
- Multilateral Diplomacy and International Organizations
- International Private and Consular Law

## SPECIALIZATION MODULE

During the third trimester. It is designed so that students can create their specialization by selecting two subjects related to international relations from a double approach: by strategic areas and by phenomena or actions. In principle, the following modules are offered:

- Latin America
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Mediterranean and Middle East
- Security and Defense
- Development Cooperation
- Economics and Business

## SEMINARS

The Seminars offer complementary training, and are flexible both in their titles and in their number. Taking into account their duration, they can be of 1 or 2 ECTS credits. Students choose from among them up to a total of 4 ECTS credits.

- Diplomatic negotiation
- US Foreign Policy and transatlantic relations
- The War in Ukraine and its consequences for the EU
- Protocol
- Human rights
- History of Spain
- Spain's political system
- 2030 Agenda: the climate
- Cybersecurity and AI
- Asia in today's world
- Security challenges for Spain
- Conflict mediation
- Scientific diplomacy

## LANGUAGES

The Master's program includes Spanish classes for non-Spanish speaking students. In addition, students must choose a language of study (English, French, Arabic and Chinese). All are subject to examination in June.

## CONFERENCES, VISITS AND INTERVIEWS

Students of the Master's program participate in many of the events and conferences organized by the Diplomatic School. One of the most outstanding activities are the Dialogues with Spanish and foreign Ambassadors accredited in Madrid to discuss relevant aspects of current international affairs. They attend the addresses given by prominent national and international personalities who regularly visit our institution. In addition, several visits to relevant places and institutions in Spain are planned throughout the course.

## SELECTION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The bases of the process regulating the admission of candidates to the Master's Degree are published annually in the Boletín Oficial del Estado (BOE). These are the requirements:

- Possession of a Bachelor's degree or with a grade point average of 7,5 or above (over 10) in the applicant's academic transcript.
- A passing mark on written admission exam and a personal interview.
- In the case of non-Spanish-speaking candidates, accreditation of a working knowledge and command of the Spanish language.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Master's program is provided free of charge to selected students. In addition, Spanish students can access two types of scholarships offered by the Diplomatic School:

- Scholarships for study assistance in an amount subject to the budgetary availabilities of the institution, which provide financial aid to Spanish students with limited resources.
- Scholarships for students who have completed the Master's Degree to carry out an internship in the central services of the MAUC and its representations abroad.

Foreign students from Latin America, Africa, and Asia may take advantage of the program offered by AECID for participants in this Master's program.

## General information

Diplomatic School:

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- » Language: Spanish
- » 70 places maximum
- » October-June (9 months)
- » On-site classes
- » Place:  
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## Collaborating universities

To achieve the highest objectives of quality and excellence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation has signed a collaboration agreement with eight Spanish universities. Most of the teaching staff comes from these universities. It has also signed an agreement with the Ministry of Defense for collaboration between the Diplomatic School and CESEDEN (Higher Center for Defense Studies).



This allows for the joint issuance of the Interuniversity Master's degree with the coordination of the Diplomatic School.