



The **INTER-UNIVERSITY MASTER'S DEGREE IN DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS** offered by the Diplomatic School of Spain aims to cement its position as a world-leading programme of training for analysts and experts in international relations and political affairs, provided in the Spanish language.

With this goal in mind, the Master's Degree offers a modern specialized course in diplomacy and international studies, providing students with the right tools to successfully develop their professional careers in national diplomatic services, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and private entities that operate at the international level. The Master's programme also prepares Spanish students for the entrance exam to join Spain's Diplomatic Corps, and is therefore adapted to the syllabus and criteria established for the Corps' admission system.

The international environment and spirit of unity at the Diplomatic School between Spanish and foreign students, including young diplomats from around the globe, is yet another powerful public diplomacy instrument for Spain, in its cooperation with other members of the international community to create a more prosperous, secure and stable world.

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SYLLABUS

The Master's programme comprises a total of 55 credits (550 hours) and is taught over the course of one academic year, from October to June. It includes a core module and a specialized module. Students must also submit a dissertation on a subject linked to international relations.

The syllabus is as follows:

Credits for core module	40
Credits for specialized modules	10
Research credits	5

Classes are taught by university lecturers and professors selected by the Diplomatic School, as well as by Spanish diplomats posted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Central Services, Ambassadors of Spain and other experts in various subjects.

CORE MODULE

This module is taught over the course of the first two terms. It includes the following subjects:

- International relations
- History of international relations
- The European Union
- International organizations
- Economics of Spain and of the world
- International private law
- International public law
- Public law of Spain: Political systems/constitutional law/administrative law

SPECIALIZED MODULES

These modules are taught in the third term and address subjects linked to international relations, with a predominantly practical approach. Each student must choose one of the following five modules:

- Geostrategy and security
- Development cooperation
- Ibero-American studies
- International economics and Spanish companies abroad
- European integration

DISSERTATION

Students prepare a dissertation during the programme on a subject linked to politics, diplomacy or academic questions. Dissertations that achieve the highest levels of excellency are published in *Cuadernos de la Escuela Diplomática*.

SEMINARS

The Master's programme includes additional training through compulsory and elective seminars. Students attend all of the compulsory seminars and three of the elective seminars.

Compulsory seminars:

- An introduction to law
- An introduction to economics
- An introduction to the Master's specialized modules
- Research methods and techniques for the Master's course dissertation
- Sociology
- Nationality, foreign residents and European citizenship
- Spanish foreign policy
- US foreign policy and transatlantic relations
- The Arab world and Islam
- Asia. Emerging powers: China and India

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Human rights

Elective seminars:

- Diplomatic practice and negotiation
- Diplomatic and consular law
- Consular rules and practices
- Public diplomacy
- International arbitration
- International and diplomatic protocol
- Trade, investment and globalization. Bilateral and multilateral free-trade agreements
- From MDGs to SDGs. The 2030 Agenda
- Aliens, immigration and social integration

LANGUAGES

The Master's programme includes compulsory classes in the English language and a second foreign language, to be selected from French, German, Arabic, Chinese or Russian. Exams are sat in the two languages at the end of the teaching period in June.

DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN POLICY SYMPOSIUMS

Students on the Master's course are invited to participate in the conferences and other events organized by the Diplomatic School, one of the most popular being the Dialogues with Ambassadors, with regular participation by Ambassadors of Spain, and by Ambassadors of other countries who are posted in Madrid, to discuss key aspects of international current affairs. In addition, students attend the sessions of Roundtables on International Current Affairs, organized jointly by the Diplomatic School and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Analysis and Forecasting Office.

ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT PROCESS

The terms and conditions of the admission process for the Master's course are published at the end of each year in Spain's Official State Gazette. The requirements include:

- Holding an undergraduate degree, with an average mark of at least 7 out of 10.
- Passing a written entrance exam.
- Demonstrating knowledge of the Spanish language, in the case of foreign students.

FEES, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The cost of the Master's course is included in the call for applications published in the Official State Gazette. The average price in previous years has been approximately 1,250 euros.

Spanish students may apply for scholarships or grants offered by the Diplomatic School:

- Scholarships to support studies, for an amount determined according to budgetary availability, providing limited-income Spanish students with financial assistance.
- Grants for students that have obtained their Master's Degree to work as an intern in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Central Services.
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Students also have priority access to four-month internships at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Central Services or Spain's Embassies, Permanent Representations and Consulates-General abroad.

Foreign students may apply for the following grants offered by Spain:

- AECID grants for civil servants from Spanish Cooperation's priority countries.
- Fundación Carolina grants for Latin American students.

General Information

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- » Language: Spanish
- » Maximum of 80 students
- » Duration: October-June (9 months)
- » Classes are face-to-face and taught in the morning
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Partner universities

To offer the highest possible levels of quality and excellence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation has signed a collaboration agreement with seven Spanish universities, which provide most of the teaching staff:



This agreement allows for the Inter-University Master's Degree to be granted jointly by the universities and the Diplomatic School.