



Master of International Affairs



Specialise in **security
and sustainability**
or **finance and trade**



Welcome

The **Hertie School of Governance** is an international teaching and research centre of excellence located in vibrant and cosmopolitan Berlin. Exceptional teaching, research and outreach on international and intersectoral governance challenges are the school's hallmark.

Our motto is **Understand today. Shape tomorrow.** We attract a highly talented student body from diverse national and disciplinary backgrounds—united by a desire to make a difference and to bring about a better future. We offer them a study environment characterised by close interaction with faculty, lively public debates and engagement with current policy developments. In addition, our students have access to the School's global network that includes the London School of Economics and Political Science, Sciences Po in Paris, Columbia University in New York and many other excellent public policy schools worldwide.

Policymakers and experts today are confronted with a wide array of global challenges. These range from a crisis-prone global economy and its repercussions, to security challenges such as new regional instabilities, nuclear proliferation, cyber warfare, and conflicts over limited resources. To meet such challenges success-



fully in a rapidly transforming context, knowing how to navigate the complex landscape of diverse actors and disciplines is crucial.

The Hertie School's **Master of International Affairs (MIA)** equips outstanding students and young professionals with tools of international policymaking to tackle global challenges and devise sound policy proposals in a global multilevel system. MIA graduates are well prepared for positions requiring a profound understanding of today's global policy challenges in government, diplomacy and international organisations, as well as in the private and civil society sectors.

We warmly invite you to find out more about the MIA programme and hope to welcome you on our campus soon.



Henrik Enderlein
President



Academic Programme

A global perspective on governance

The practice-oriented curriculum gives students a firm understanding of the international and trans-national dimension of policymaking.

Core courses

In the first year, students attend courses in global governance, international economics, international law and security policy. They are equipped with the analytical toolkit to evaluate international policies and to manage international organisations. A practice course supplements the core curriculum.

Between the first and second year of study, students gain professional experience in a full-time internship in an international organisation or other relevant institutions.

Electives

In their second year, students choose a concentration in either finance and trade or security and sustainability which they complete with at least three electives from the respective field. Further, they deepen their knowledge by choosing from a wide range of electives in such areas as welfare and sustainability,



innovation and regulation, civil society, as well as security and development.

Master's thesis

Students complete their degree requirements with a master's thesis on a topic relevant to international affairs. The thesis is developed under the guidance of a supervising faculty member and can be carried out in cooperation with a practice partner.



Julia Black (USA)

Alumna, MIA 2017

Currently working at the International Organization of Migration

“One of the best things about Hertie is its small but very international student body. Having so many different perspectives in one room always led to compelling and eye-opening discussions.”



Key Concentrations

Specialise in finance or security

Students deepen their policy expertise by choosing one of two key concentrations. Those interested in developing a solid understanding of international economic policy choose the **Finance and Trade** concentration. Electives in this concentration deal with the interaction between national and international economic institutions and the impact of their interventions on growth, competition, trade, or other factors such as energy supply.

Students seeking to deepen their knowledge in security issues on the other hand, select the **Security and Sustainability** concentration. It is based on a comprehensive notion of security that includes issues such as poverty, human rights or climate change, besides old and new geopolitical and military challenges. Special emphasis is given to institutions that are needed for sustainable solutions to security problems.

SEMESTER 4	Concentration elective	Portfolio elective	Master's thesis (Research)	Master's thesis (Colloquium)	
	Concentration elective	Concentration elective	Portfolio elective	Portfolio elective	
SEMESTER 3	Concentration elective	Concentration elective	Portfolio elective	Portfolio elective	
Internship – summer break					
SEMESTER 2	International Security	International Law	Practice course in International Affairs	Economics	PDC
	International Organisations	Global Governance	Statistics	Economics I	PDC
SEMESTER 1	International Organisations	Global Governance	Statistics	Economics I	PDC

■ Core courses

In the first year of study, students attend eight core courses to build a strong disciplinary and methodological foundation.

■ Professional development courses (PDCs)

During their first year, students take two PDCs to gain professional skills (e.g. public speaking, software training, negotiation techniques).

■ Internship

Between the first and second year of study, students are required to complete a six-week full-time internship (June – August).

■ Concentration

Students attend three elective courses specific to their concentration during the 3rd and 4th semester.

■ Portfolio electives

In the second year of study, students choose three portfolio electives from a wide range of topics.

■ Master's thesis

At the end of their third semester, students start to work on a master's thesis research project supported by a master's thesis colloquium taught by their advisor, a core faculty member.



Study Abroad

Expand your international experience

Academic exchange

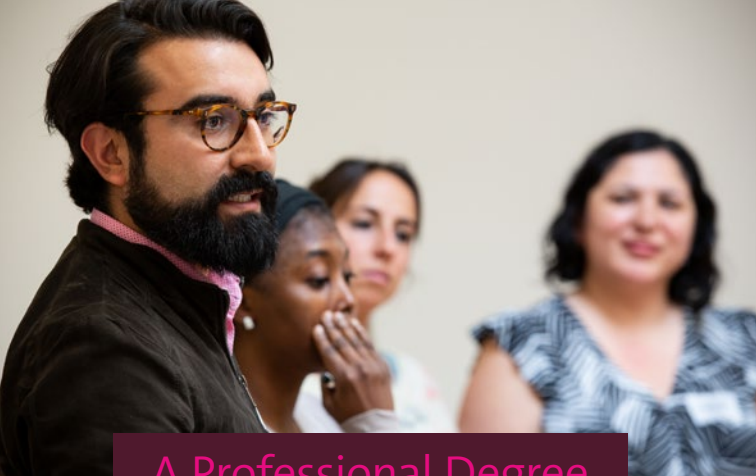
Students can spend their third semester at a partner university where they attend four elective courses. The Hertie School has an extensive global network with several partner universities across the globe, where students may apply to spend a semester of their studies.

Dual degree

For students who want even more international experience, dual degree programmes are offered in cooperation with partner schools around the globe. For MIA students, dual degree programmes have been set up with the following institutions:

- Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs
- Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Admitted students spend one year at the Hertie School and one year at the partner institution.



A Professional Degree

Build a professional network

As a professional school for governance, the Hertie School gives students several opportunities to apply what they are learning and begin building a professional network.

The Hertie School invites relevant professionals including alumni to its **Professional Perspectives** lecture series, and students are expected to complete a summer **internship** between their first and second year of study.

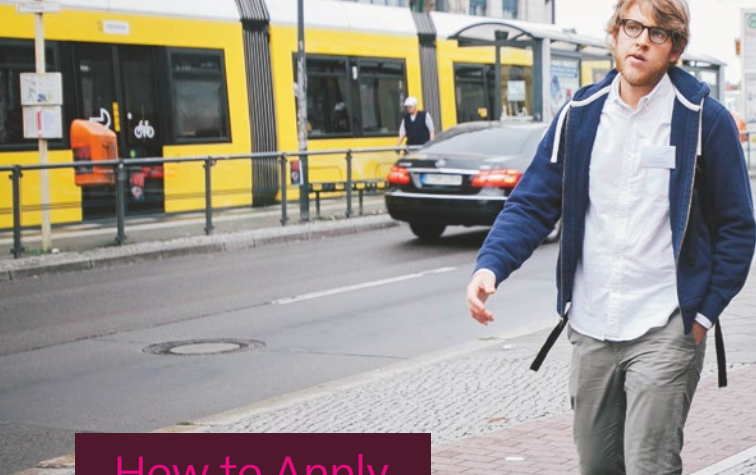
For students who want to dive even deeper into a professional environment, the school offers a **Professional Year** between the first and second year of the programme with MIA relevant institutions.



Rina Hajdari (Kosovo)

Student, MIA 2019

“The break between my first and my second year gave me the chance to reassess my priorities, gain concrete experience at a think tank, a UN body and the German parliament—experiences that will definitely round-up my second year and heavily contribute towards my thesis. I also now know what I want to delve into after graduating.”



How to Apply

Candidates with an excellent undergraduate degree and a strong motivation to study international affairs are invited to apply for the programme.

Application requirements

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from any disciplinary background
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of motivation
- Academic transcripts
- Academic letters of reference
- English proficiency certificate (TOEFL or IELTS)

Application deadlines

The priority deadline is **1 February**.

Admissions and scholarships are offered on a rolling basis. Applicants who seek financial aid should apply early (between October and late January).

Applications will be accepted until **1 May**.



Financial aid and scholarships

The Hertie School is committed to attracting the best students from around the world. To achieve this goal we provide financial support to students in the form of full and partial tuition waivers. Most students rely on a mixture of tuition waivers, external scholarships, loans and student jobs to finance their studies.

Contact us

For more information regarding the application process and requirements visit the MIA website at www.hertie-school.org/mia or contact our admissions team at grad-admissions@hertie-school.org.

Master of International Affairs – key facts

- 2-year, full-time programme (120 ECTS) in English, MA degree
- Specialise in **finance and trade** or **security and sustainability**
- Integrated professional development: Internship and Professional Year programme
- Career services, professional and alumni network
- Tuition: 16,250 euros per year
- Accredited by ACQUIN



The Hertie School of Governance was founded in 2003 by the Hertie Foundation, which remains its major partner.

The school is situated in the heart of Berlin, a stone's throw from the city's most beautiful square, Gendarmenmarkt. Just minutes from the houses of parliament, various federal ministries, political representations, media organisations and research institutes, the Hertie School has its finger firmly on the pulse of the latest developments in public policy, governance and academia.

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