Master of International Affairs

Specialise in finance and trade or security and sustainability
Welcome to the Hertie School

The Hertie School 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 our students 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, the Graduate School of Public Policy in Tokyo and many other excellent public policy schools worldwide.

Policymakers and experts today are confronted with a wide array of global challenges ranging from a crisis-prone global economy to security challenges such as new regional instabilities, cyber warfare and conflicts over limited resources. 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.

As an ambassador of good governance, the Hertie School has become a hub for top scholars and researchers, as well as experts and representatives from the spheres of politics, business and civil society who contribute to events at the school. MIA students actively contribute to these debates and regularly spearhead their own initiatives, exemplifying our school’s core value: active engagement for the common good.

We look forward to welcoming you in Berlin.

Henrik Enderlein
President
MIA student body at a glance

International: Students from all over the world

- Germany: 45%
- Asia: 7%
- North America: 20%
- Latin America: 4%
- Africa: 1%
- Oceania: 3%
- Other European countries: 20%
- Science and Engineering: 4%
- Law: 18%
- Humanities: 14%
- Business and Economics: 14%

Interdisciplinary: Students from all subject fields

- 62% Social Science
- 4% Law
- 2% Science and Engineering

A global alumni network

Join a network of 1639 alumni around the world

Find a Hertie School Alumni Chapter near you

- Berlin
- Bogota
- Brussels
- Frankfurt
- London
- Mexico City
- New Delhi
- New York
- Rhineland
- Toronto
- Washington DC

*Three last cohorts 2017-2018-2019
Academic programme

The Master of International Affairs (MIA) equips you with a profound understanding of today’s global policy challenges and prepares you for navigating a complex landscape of diverse actors on an international level.

Core courses
Attend seven core courses and build a strong disciplinary and methodological foundation in economics, global governance and international law.

Areas of concentration
Choose between two areas of concentration. Finance and Trade focuses on the interplay between national and international economic institutions, as well as on different issues of global economic policy. Security and Sustainability takes a comprehensive approach to international security, addressing economic, societal and environmental questions in addition to traditional military and geopolitical challenges.

Professional development module
Gain pertinent insights into the daily work of an organisation in the international arena, and acquire the tools needed for careers related to global governance through skills workshops, a practice course in international negotiation and a summer internship.

Electives
Deepen your expertise by choosing electives from a wide range of topics including: European and global governance, security, welfare and sustainability, democracy and fundamental rights.

Master’s thesis
Conclude your studies with a master’s thesis and apply the knowledge, concepts and tools you have learned both inside and outside the classroom to address a concrete policy problem.

For more information about courses and electives, visit our Course Catalogue: www.hertie-school.org/course-catalogue

“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.”

Julia Black (USA)
MIA 2017
A professional degree

Gain work experience during your studies

At the Hertie School, we understand that career planning is a lifelong matter. During your studies, you will begin building a professional network and put what you learn in the classroom to the test:

In the **professional development module**, focus on your professional growth. Choose two skills courses (e.g. a conflict management simulation game, adaptive leadership, public speaking) and participate in a practice course in international negotiation. Attend individual career coaching sessions and complete a **summer internship** after your first year of study. Those who want to acquire even more work experience can opt for a **Professional Year**.

In addition, take part in our **mentoring programme** with alumni and members of the Hertie School’s practice council. Learn from experienced practitioners and decision-makers about the demands of the German and international job markets.

“**The break between my first and my second year gave me the chance to reassess my priorities and gain concrete experience at a think tank, a UN body and the German parliament. I also now know what I want to delve into after graduating.”**

Rina Hajdari (Kosovo)
MIA 2019

Study abroad

Expand your international experience

Academic exchange

Take advantage of the Hertie School’s extensive global network of over 20 partner universities around the world! Spend your third semester abroad and take four elective courses.

**Dual degree**

The Hertie School partners with a selection of universities around the globe, offering dual-degree programmes to students who wish to spend one year at the Hertie School and one year at a partner institution.

**MIA students are eligible to apply to dual-degree programmes with the following institutions:**

- Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
- School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

After completing their studies, students receive a degree from both institutions.
How to apply

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

Application requirements

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

Application deadlines

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

The priority deadline is 1 February. Applications will be accepted until 1 May.

Contact us!

For more information regarding the application process and requirements, visit the MIA website at www.hertie-school.org/mia

Contact our admissions team at grad-admissions@hertie-school.org

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Financial aid and scholarships

We are committed to attracting the best students from around the world and helping all Hertie School students develop a plan to finance their studies. To achieve this goal, we provide financial support in the form of full and partial tuition waivers and collaborate with external funding partners. Most students fund their studies with a mixture of tuition waivers, external scholarships, loans and student jobs.

- About 50% of Hertie School students receive financial aid or a scholarship.
- Financial aid and scholarships are awarded in the form of tuition waivers ranging from 10% to 100% of tuition fees.
- Financial aid and scholarships are granted for the entire period of study and are allocated on a rolling basis up until the final application deadlines.
- Applicants who need financial assistance are encouraged to apply by the priority deadline.

“As a proud European I was honoured to be awarded the Future of Europe scholarship, which was the only reason I was able to study at the Hertie School and benefit from its international environment, wide range of courses and often inspirational professors.”

Sasha Ockenden (United Kingdom)
MIA 2020
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 or Professional Year programme
• Career services, professional and alumni network
• Tuition: 17,250 euros per year
• Accredited by ACQUIN

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