



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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Master's degree



Master of International Affairs (MA)

Hertie School of Governance • Berlin



Overview

Degree	Master of Arts in International Affairs
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	English is the official language of instruction at the Hertie School of Governance. Students do not need to be able to speak German.
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	<p>1 February 2020: priority deadline*</p> <p>1 May 2020: final application deadline</p> <p>*Students who need a scholarship or financial aid are encouraged to apply by 1 February to increase their chances of being awarded a tuition waiver.</p> <p>Please also check our website: http://www.hertie-school.org/graduate-programmes/admissions/.</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	8,125
Additional information on tuition fees	Tuition for the two-year MIA programme at the Hertie School is currently 32,500 EUR (8,125 EUR per semester).
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The Master of International Affairs (MIA) equips students with tools of international policymaking to tackle global challenges and devise sound policy proposals in a global multilevel system. Understanding how to navigate this complex landscape of diverse actors and disciplines is at the core of the programme. It prepares students for positions requiring a profound understanding of today's global policy challenges in government, international organisations, business and civil society.

Students attend courses in global governance, international economics, international law and security policy. A practice course in international conflict management and mediation supplements the curriculum.

Students choose between two concentrations:

- **Finance and trade** focuses on the interaction between national and international economic institutions and their impact on growth, competition, trade, or other factors such as energy supply.
- **Security and sustainability** is based on a comprehensive notion of security that includes issues such as poverty, human rights, and climate change as well as old and new geopolitical and military challenges.

In addition, students complete courses from a wide portfolio of electives to deepen their expertise in a specific policy field. They apply their analytical skills by writing their Master's theses on topics relevant to international affairs.

Course Details

Course organisation

Students take courses in international politics, economics, statistics, and international organisations as well as international law during their **first year** of study. A practical course in international conflict management supplements the core curriculum.

Students complete a **summer internship** between their first and second years of study. Alternatively, they are offered the opportunity to gain even more substantial work experience during a "Professional Year". The Hertie School has established relationships with a range of institutions.

In their **second year** of study, students choose a concentration in either security and sustainability or finance and trade, which they complete with at least three electives from the respective field. Students complete their degree requirements with a Master's thesis.

Types of assessment

Exams, Master's thesis, research papers, memos, oral presentations, etc.

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Study trips
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

Integrated study abroad unit(s)

The Hertie School is affiliated with the **Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)**.

Students have the opportunity to apply for a dual degree with SIPA at Columbia University in New York. Dual degree students complete their second year of study at the partner institution and receive degrees from both institutions after successful completion of their study requirements. In addition, we have a special dual degree programme with Syracuse University. Please check our website for more information: <https://www.hertie-school.org/en/dualdegrees/>.

Alternatively, one-semester exchange programmes are offered at a number of partner universities

around the world, such as the The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Switzerland, the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals in Spain or Fudan University in China.

For more information, visit our website: <https://www.hertie-school.org/studyabroad/>.

Integrated internships	<p>All students complete a summer internship between their first and second year of study. Ideally, the mandatory internship is complemented by the ensuing cooperation between the students and the internship institutions in terms of the Master's thesis. This final project enables students to work on pressing issues on behalf of the respective institution and to find solutions to topical problems. The Hertie School partners with institutions from all three sectors to offer internship positions.</p> <p>If you want to gain even more work experience, you can apply to complete a full "Professional Year" between the first and second year of your studies. The Professional Year is not compulsory, but it offers an excellent opportunity for students to gain professional experience during their studies. Students who participate in this programme leave the Hertie School of Governance for nine to 15 months in order to acquire professional experience. The partner institution ascribes suitable tasks to students and pays an appropriate remuneration. After the Professional Year, the students return to the Hertie School to begin their final year of studies.</p> <p>For more information, see: https://www.hertie-school.org/study/careerservices/.</p>
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

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Semester contribution	<p>Campus fee: approx. 288.80 EUR per semester</p> <p>The campus fee includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Service fee: The service fee includes access to all services provided by the "Studierendenwerk Berlin" as well as additional on-campus services - Berlin public transport ticket
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	<p>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 financial aid and scholarships. Currently, about 50% of students receive funding directly from the school. Our Student Affairs team also offers assistance in finding external funding options.</p> <p>For more information, see: https://www.hertie-school.org/study/scholarships/</p>

Requirements / Registration

Academic Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree (BA or its international equivalent) and must be fluent in English.

All applications are assessed on the basis of the following criteria:

- **Personal suitability:** CV, professional experience, entrepreneurship, international experience, civic engagement; **weight: 40%**
- **Academic excellence:** Strength of academic background, academic performance - grades/transcripts, general academic qualification, linguistic qualification; **weight: 40%**
- **Motivation:** Convincing motivation to study international affairs, motivation to study at the Hertie School, overall coherence; **weight: 20%**

Language requirements

Unless you are a native speaker or you have completed your entire first degree at an English-language university, English language skills must be verified with an **official English test**.

The Hertie School of Governance recognises the Cambridge ESOL qualifications CPE (C), CAE (B), the IELTS (with an overall score of at least 7.0 and a writing score of at least 7), as well as the TOEFL tests (PBT 600, CBT 250, iBT 100).

Application deadline

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1 May 2020: final application deadline

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Submit application to

All applications need to be submitted via the Hertie School's online application portal: <https://application.hertie-school.org/>.

Services

Accommodation

All questions related to getting started as a student at the Hertie School and getting settled in Berlin can be directed to the Student Affairs Team. They assist admitted applicants with issues such as obtaining external financial aid, health insurance, visa and residency registration, as well as accommodation.

You can find more information here: <https://www.hertie-school.org/en/study/student-services/>.

Career advisory service

Career planning is a lifelong matter. Be it a CV check, internship or Professional Year advice, mock interviews, general orientation or decision-making, the Career Development team at the Hertie School supports students and alumni in all matters of their career development.

You can find out more on our website: <https://www.hertie-school.org/en/study/career-services/>.

Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters



Hertie School of Governance

Tim Nover

Policy Analyst (European External Action Service)

„Hertie helped me a great deal in understanding the policymaking process in general and in the European Union in particular. I continue to benefit from the skills I learned at Hertie, especially factual analysis and concise writing. Analysing complex challenges and then proposing solutions in a three-page memo is still hard, but the hours of late-night memo writing at Hertie were excellent practice for this.“



Alumni Story: Working for Women in Morocco

After finishing the dual degree programme with Sciences Po, Imane Lahlou Skalli (MPP 2013) has found the skills she learned at the Hertie School in demand, from Cairo to Casablanca.

» more:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsg1FbFsHLw>

Hertie School of Governance



Hertie School students come from over 50 nations, many academic disciplines, and many professional backgrounds.

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The Hertie School of Governance is a private university based in Berlin, Germany, accredited by the state and the German Science Council. It prepares exceptional students for leadership positions in government, business and civil society. Interdisciplinary and practice-oriented teaching, first-class research and an extensive international network set the Hertie School apart and position it as an ambassador of good governance, characterised by public debate and engagement. Our motto is "Understand today. Shape tomorrow".

The Hertie School of Governance was formally founded as a private, non-profit institution in December 2003 by the Hertie Foundation, becoming the first professional school for public policy in Germany.

Offering programmes that emphasised academic excellence and practical orientation in the reunified capital of Berlin, the Hertie School was, from its start, a unique educational institution in Germany.

The school began by organising panels, symposia and discussions, providing a platform for policy-makers, professionals and practitioners from the media, NGOs and business to engage with academia.

In February 2005, the Hertie School was granted official state recognition and given the authority by the Berlin Senate to award the academic title Master of Public Policy as an institution of higher learning.

The first cohort of students in the two-year [Master of Public Policy](#) programme began their studies in September 2005, and the programme has grown considerably each year.

In September 2008, the school launched its second Master's programme: the [Executive Master of Public Administration](#). Together with the Freie Universität Berlin and the Social Science Centre Berlin (WZB), the Hertie School established the [Berlin School of Transnational Studies](#) in 2008.

In 2011, the Hertie School was one of the few private universities in Germany to receive the right to award doctorates. The [Doctoral Programme in Governance](#) started in 2012.

The first cohort of the new study programme [Master of International Affairs](#) began their studies in 2015.



University Location

Berlin is like no other...

Germany's capital is a hub for political and cultural events, and a crossroads for travel in Europe and beyond.

Located in the city's "Mitte" neighbourhood, the Hertie School is just minutes away from the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate and other important political and historic landmarks.

As the capital of Germany, Berlin is the epicentre for political decision-makers and policy debates. It is also a city where history is all around, a fascinating backdrop for studying public policy.

Berlin draws young people from around the world, bringing with them a diverse set of cultures, skills and activities.

Among Berlin's many assets is its affordability. Housing and general expenses are relatively lower than in many major capitals worldwide. Berlin is especially welcoming for students, with countless special discounts at many venues.

Berlin is known as a very bike-friendly city, thanks to the flat landscape and many cycling paths. Whether on foot, by bike, public transportation or car, life in Berlin is accessible.

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