

MACS CURRICULUM PUBLISHED

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IACA is proud to announce the publication of the curriculum for its Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) programme.

The MACS curriculum has been consulted with and is supported by major international stakeholders from all sectors, including international organizations, the corporate business community, and civil society.



HOW IS THE CURRICULUM STRUCTURED?

The curriculum for IACA's Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) programme has now been published. MACS is an international, 24-month part-time programme, designed for working professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree. As such it combines distance learning with in-class modules using a three-tier modular structure (pre-, core- and post-module).

The programme's seven twelve-day core modules each address different aspects and angles within the field of anti-corruption; concepts and theories, economics, politics, business, law, corruption enforcement, and corruption prevention.

The core modules take place in three-month intervals and are structured to provide participants with an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and skills, both concerning theory and practice. Each module includes four multi-disciplinary core courses on the corresponding subject, through which participants will be presented with the various challenges and solutions encountered by both academia and practice. The first four modules furthermore contain courses on personal development and skill enhancement. Together, these courses will provide participants with a strong foundation on theories on corruption and academic research methodology.

During the last modules, core courses of the programme are focused on providing participants with practical strategies in countering corruption and establishing a robust compliance architecture. Participants are also required to submit a Master thesis. The preparatory work and writing of the thesis will thus take place alongside supportive courses during the last three modules.

MACS courses are not limited to lectures but also take the form of workshops, group work, and case studies, thereby encouraging interactive learning, cooperation, networking, and skill development. All modules will likewise be complemented by panel discussions, excursions, or special events.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The application process opened on 16 July and runs through 26 October 2012. All potential candidates must possess an undergraduate degree, equivalent to a Bachelor. A minimum of three years of relevant work experience or a proven record of academic research in the area of anti-corruption is also required. The entire programme's language of instruction is English. Applicants whose mother tongue is not English must attach proof of English language proficiency. IACA is committed to promoting diversity and strives to attract participants from various regional and professional backgrounds.

MASTER IN ANTI-CORRUPTION STUDIES (MACS) – CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

MODULE	COURSE TYPE	COURSE TITLE
MODULE I Concepts and Theories on Corruption	CORE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT EXTRACURRICULAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Introduction and conceptual considerations ▶ Sociological (including criminological) approaches and discourse ▶ Psychology of corrupt behaviour ▶ Ethical aspects and cultural dimensions ▶ Personal development and team building ▶ Academic writing skills
MODULE II Corruption and Economics	CORE SKILLS & COMPETENCIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Quantitative and qualitative research methods and their application, including measuring (anti-)corruption ▶ Microeconomic theories and models of corruption ▶ Macroeconomic theories and models of corruption ▶ Economic consequences and effects of corruption, and policy-related measures ▶ Communication skills in anti-corruption work
MODULE III Politics and Corruption	CORE SKILLS & COMPETENCIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Quantitative and qualitative research methods and their application, including measuring (anti-)corruption ▶ Political science theories on corruption ▶ Political corruption, corruption in the public sector, and security ▶ Corruption and development ▶ Negotiation skills in anti-corruption work
MODULE IV Business and Corruption	CORE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Corruption in the private sector ▶ Good Corporate Governance ▶ Compliance systems and strategies ▶ Risk-assessment to fight corruption ▶ Personal development and team building
MODULE V Anti-Corruption and the Law	CORE MASTER THESIS (I) EXTRACURRICULAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The rule of law and (anti-)corruption ▶ National anti-corruption laws in a comparative perspective, including the method of comparative law ▶ International legal instruments against corruption (UNCAC, etc.) ▶ Human rights and (anti-)corruption ▶ Master Thesis: writing and research (3 parallel classes: economics, social science, law) ▶ Study trip to UNODC
MODULE VI Enforcement	CORE MASTER THESIS (II) EXTRACURRICULAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Anti-corruption enforcement, with a focus on the public sector ▶ Compliance systems, with a focus on the private sector ▶ Role of civil society, the media and investigative journalism in (anti-)corruption ▶ Collective action and international cooperation ▶ Research proposal and discussion on the subject (3 parallel classes: economics, social science, law) ▶ How to conduct a case study
MODULE VII Prevention	CORE MASTER THESIS (III) EXTRACURRICULAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Prevention methods, collective action and international cooperation ▶ Prevention and compliance systems – implementation and development ▶ Education and awareness-raising ▶ Anti-corruption agenda – the future ▶ Discussion on progress of the Master Thesis (3 parallel classes: economics, social science, law) ▶ Individual guidance on the Master Thesis
	MASTER THESIS (IV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Elaboration, compilation, submission and defense