

## Application Package

Applicants should submit the following documents:

- Application form (can be downloaded from the web-site of the OSCE Academy);
- Copies of relevant degrees and certificates including transcripts;
- Two letters of recommendation;
- Copies of university transcripts and a letter from a university for applicants who are about to receive their degree.

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# Master of Arts in Politics and Security (Central Asia)

## About the Programme

The Master of Arts in Politics and Security (Central Asia) is a 13-month programme that offers an interdisciplinary curriculum in political science and international relations based on international standards of teaching.

The MA Programme provides students with contemporary approaches and tools to work in the fields of political science, international relations, security, democratization and human rights, sustainable development, nationalism, and ethnicity - both in general and as applied in the Central Asian context. The programme expands students' professional opportunities by improving their competencies necessary for their future careers;

Students have the opportunity to meet and to be taught by leading academics, experts, and representatives of international organizations. Because the program meets international educational standards, it attracts many of the most talented and qualified graduate students throughout Central Asia.

The program is approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, and it is supported by the OSCE Centre in Bishkek, interested OSCE participating and partner States, and other parties. The international partner institutions, the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council of the OSCE Academy provide assistance in elaborating curriculum, conducting classes, organizing internships, and carrying out other activities.

The OSCE Academy faculty consists of highly qualified lecturers and experts from regional and international partner institutions, Western universities and international organizations. This guarantees that students are exposed to the latest teaching methodologies and research trends.

## Internship Opportunities

Because the programme meets international educational standards, it attracts many of the most talented and qualified graduate students throughout Central Asia. Students who have achieved excellent GPA results (top 10 GPA students) can use the opportunity of conducting fully paid two - months internships at the Academy's partner institutions in Europe. Our partner institutions include: Norwegian Institute of International Affairs in Oslo, the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna, Geneva Center for Peace and Security Studies in Geneva, the High Commissionaire on National Minorities in the Hague, and the PIR Center in Moscow.

## Fees and Scholarship

The programme accepts up to 30 students per year from all Central Asian countries and out of region. Education at the OSCE Academy is provided for free of charge and all accepted students are offered scholarship for 13 months to cover the following:

- Round trip travel expenses within Central Asia;
- Monthly stipend of EUR 180 per month;
- Housing allowance of EUR 95 for non-residents of Bishkek;
- Health insurance (except for the citizens of Kyrgyzstan);
- Child allowance of EUR 15 per child and single parent support upon request.



## Scholarship Eligibility

The application period starts in February and finishes in April each year. The Admissions Committee evaluates applications and conducts interviews and tests in May and June. Final admission decisions are usually made by mid-June. The programme starts in September.

### Applicants must meet the following admission criteria:

- Successful completion of an academic degree of higher education (BA, MA, MSc, Diploma) in Political Science and other related fields, or enrollment in the final year of an undergraduate degree;
- Excellent knowledge of English;
- Applicants should not be older than 32 years;
- Citizenship preferably of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan;
- Applicants from other OSCE participating states can be accepted for the program on a limited basis only.