Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy is founded and chartered by a Presidential decree in 2006.
Dear friends,

Welcome to the ADA, a world-class institution dedicated to preparing innovative global leaders and to promoting useful collaborative research on diplomacy, public and international affairs, business, humanities, and computer sciences.

Located in Baku, at the center of an increasingly significant part of the world, ADA has gone through exciting and remarkable growth since its inception. We started as a training institute to meet the urgent needs of our expanding diplomatic service. Hence, our initial name: Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy. But fast we have grown into a university with School of Business, School of Public and International Affairs, School of Humanities and Sciences, School of Engineering and Information Technologies, offering both graduate and undergraduate degree programs.

As you learn more about ADA, you’ll find that it is a vibrant and diverse place. We are very proud that in September of 2012 we opened a new “green” and “smart” campus in Baku’s thriving downtown and moved into it with a significant program expansion. In just a short time, we have grown from a small office into a state-of-the-art campus while asserting ourselves on the world’s academic map by attracting renowned scholars, accomplished practitioners and talented students from around the world.

This is an exciting time to be at ADA whether you are a student, a graduate, or a parent. We hope you will have a chance to study at ADA and it can help you develop the leadership skills you need to make a difference in the world.

Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev  
Rector of ADA
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
INNOVATIVE LEARNING
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
THRIVING LOCATION

ADA’S VISION AND STRATEGY ARE BASED ON FOUR PILLARS:
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy provides a world-class education by combining innovative learning and real-world experience. The degree programs at ADA enrich students academically, while expanding their worldviews and promoting personal growth.

ADA has assembled an experienced faculty, recognized in their fields, whose wide range of backgrounds, views and approaches provide an outstanding learning experience for our students.
STATE-OF-THE-ART LIBRARY

The pride of ADA - our library- stands at the center of intellectual life on campus. In collaboration with our faculty, we have built a growing collection of significant depth and breadth. With a world-class collection of 40,000 print books and more than 500,000 electronic books and respected periodicals — the ADA library has become the most substantial foreign language collection in the region.

The primary focus of the library is to provide materials of value in support of our curriculum. ADA library serves as an essential partner in study, teaching, and research at the university.
WORLD-CLASS CAMPUS

Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy boasts a cutting-edge, high-tech campus. Every classroom is equipped with a “smart” board, thus facilitating the use of innovative teaching methods. In addition, we have the first green campus in the area demonstrating our recognition of “green responsibility”.

Campus facilities include a dining hall, coffee shops, parking facilities, a medical center and other services designed to maintain a secure, healthy, supportive learning environment for students.
Our students are active on campus and beyond, as academic and social life are interwoven at ADA. A lively social scene with numerous extra-curricular activities and events enhances students' sense of appreciation for the arts and culture, political and environmental issues and sports.

Teamwork and collaboration are encouraged by student-initiated social responsibility projects. At the end of each academic year, the Haji Zeynalabdin Tagiyev prize, named after the prominent Azerbaijani philanthropist, is awarded to the group of students, whose work had visible impact on the community.

As a student of ADA I've had a chance to take part in dynamic and thriving campus life by attending cultural festivals, charity fairs and art exhibitions, all of which gave me a healthy global perspective and greater international awareness.

Alla Savelyeva (MADIA 2013)
Russia
The ADA School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) offers degrees in the fields of public policy, international affairs, diplomacy and public affairs. SPIA’s mission is to prepare future leaders, with the skills and knowledge necessary to build a better world.

**SPIA offers the following graduate degree programs:**

- Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Affairs (MADIA)
- Master of Public Policy (MPP)

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At the end of the two-year graduate degree program students must take a capstone course that allows them to work on a real-world problem. Thus students have the opportunity to use everything learned from course work, internships, summer programs and past job experience to write a comprehensive report on an assigned topic.

Distinguished faculty, helpful staff, and active student life made my studies very fruitful and enjoyable at ADA. One of the most important parts of two-year MADIA program for me was the Capstone project "Go to Africa", in which I utilized my theoretical knowledge in a real international business and diplomatic project.

Samir Veliev (MADIA 2013)
Georgia
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

ADA graduate students have numerous opportunities to gain international experience:

- Workshops, conferences and summer schools abroad
- Study trips to Europe, Asia and Africa
- Semester abroad in Geneva Centre for Security Studies in Switzerland
- Internship opportunities

At ADA my research and analytical skills have been broadened through study, self-reflection and intellectual discourse with professors and fellow graduate students and through many opportunities to attend various events and presentations.

Araz Borchali (MADIA 2014)
Azerbaijan
CELEBRATING CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

AZERBAIJAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY

Pay to the order of "Blood Donation"

Two thousand five hundred

1st Place in HZT Awards
FINANCIAL AID

ADA offers different financial aid resources to support its students. These include both merit-based scholarships and fellowships.

- Merit-based scholarships with up to 100% tuition fee waiver
- Subsidized education loans with 5% annual interest for Azerbaijani citizens
- Full and partial fellowships for international students
- Work-study positions on campus

Renewal of International Fellowship

Fellows must be in good academic standing demonstrated by a minimum semester GPA level of 3.0 for continuation of fellowship. The full ADA Fellowship covers tuition, books and accommodation. Fellowship recipients are expected to cover all other living expenses, including student fees.

I believe that ADA is creating its own unique standards in a growing academic environment as a key center for diplomacy of Azerbaijan. The opportunities we are given as students are seldom seen anywhere around the world.

Farzin Farzad (MADIA 2014)
USA
ALUMNI EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

- Government: 52%
- Education: 20%
- Non-profit /Think-tanks: 5%
- Production / Manufacturing: 4%
- Multilateral (IO): 4%
- Business Services: 4%
- Other: 11%

INTERNERSHIP PLACEMENTS BY INDUSTRY

- Government (including Embassies): 68%
- Non-profit /Think-tanks: 11%
- Multilateral (IO): 10%
- Banking / Investment: 4%
- Construction: 1%
- Education: 3%
- Consulting / Business Services: 3%
CAREER MANAGEMENT CENTER

The Career Management Center (CMC) offers a wide range of career education services and events designed to help students explore their personalities and career directions, while allowing them to make connections with employers and build the skills needed to achieve their professional goals. Productive relationships with major local and international corporations, non-governmental and international organizations, Azerbaijani embassies abroad and foreign missions in Baku allow CMC to assure that each ADA student has the opportunity to complete an internship during the summer break. CMC success is demonstrated by the fact that most students have job offers by graduation. Last year, CMC recorded an 89% employment rate within three months of graduation.

Being a student of ADA is the greatest advantage and privilege to build a successful career by expanding one's professional network through various activities of the CMC tailored to each student's individual needs.

**Laman Azizova (MADIA 2014 - Class President)**
Azerbaijan
ADMISSION TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS IS A TWO-STAGE PROCESS:

Submission of application and supporting documents:
• Completed online application form
• Supporting documents
  Resume/CV
  Copy of a diploma and transcripts for an undergraduate degree (Translated into English)
  Copy of Identification Card or passport
  Recent photo (5x5)
• Official Test Scores
  TOEFL (minimum 83 points) or IELTS (minimum 6.5 points)
  TQDK/SSAC graduate entrance exam score
  Only citizens of Azerbaijan are required to submit the results of the first round exam for master level offered by SSAC/TQDK. The minimum passing score is 50.

Note: All documents must be scanned and uploaded to the online application or e-mailed to admissions@ada.edu.az. ADA does not accept any paper submissions.

Evaluative Interview
Only short-listed applicants are contacted for an evaluative interview.

DEADLINES:
Application starts Application deadline
October 1, 2013 April 15, 2014
Interviews and Notification Accept/Decline
April 22, 2014 – May 14, 2014 June 1, 2014
ADA INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MAP

- Afghanistan
- Argentina
- Cameroon
- Czech Republic
- Fiji
- Ghana
- Gambia
- Georgia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iran
- Japan
- Kenya
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Maldives
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Poland
- Russia
- Sri Lanka
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- USA
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam

SPIA GRADUATE CLASS PROFILE

Diversity Balance:
- Azerbaijani – 68%
- International students – 32%

Gender:
- Female – 66%
- Male – 34%

Age range: 21-38