

# MACS - Master in Anti-Corruption Studies





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»Corruption's detrimental effects on the welfare of societies cannot be redressed with quick-fixes. The MACS programme provides its participants with innovative strategies and tools for tackling this menace at its core. It integrates a vast spectrum of academic disciplines and sectors in the delivery of sustainable methods and results.«

**Martin KREUTNER**  
Dean and Executive Secretary  
IACA

The Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) is a two-year programme designed for working professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree. It consists of seven intensive modules, each with ten-day in-class sessions preceded and followed by written assignments. Classes take place in Laxenburg, Austria, and other regions of the world. MACS students have the opportunity to study in a participatory environment, within a group of motivated and committed peers.

Students and employers will benefit from the rich academic and practical focus offered by the first international Master programme in anti-corruption. Graduation with the MACS degree enhances employment opportunities in such fields as anti-corruption, compliance, law enforcement, investigative journalism, academia, finance, and international affairs.

### ABOUT IACA

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) is an international organization which aims to substantially contribute to the global fight against corruption. Through education, research, and cooperation, it strives to address shortcomings in knowledge and practice and empower professionals. It draws on an unwavering drive towards excellence, a spirit of innovation, and a commitment to rendering itself accessible to participants from each part of the world.

IACA was initiated by INTERPOL, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the Republic of Austria, and other stakeholders. It has been an international organization since 8 March 2011. IACA has a constituency of about

70 UN Member States and international organizations, and cooperates with a number of international bodies and academic institutions.

### LOCATION

With state of the art facilities, IACA offers a campus atmosphere and a conducive learning environment. It is situated in

Laxenburg, a small picturesque town neighbouring the Austrian capital, Vienna.

Vienna is home to more than 30 international organizations and hosts one of the four main United Nations offices.

### A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Based on IACA’s new holistic approach to the fight against corruption, the MACS offers a diverse curriculum. It reflects the different academic disciplines necessary for providing comprehensive insight into the corruption phenomenon, while also offering know-how and expertise from non-academic fields.

| IACA'S HOLISTIC APPROACH   |  |                                    |  |  |
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| INTERNATIONAL  | INTERDISCIPLINARY  | INTER-SECTORAL                     | INTEGRATIVE  | SUSTAINABLE  |
| Observing regional diversity and foreseeing the broadest possible outreach | Providing know-how and expertise from various academic disciplines | Catering to all sectors of society | Bridging the gap between theory and practice by offering theoretical and practical knowledge and tools | Striving towards long-term and long-lasting solutions and services |

### PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

The MACS enables professionals in managerial and leadership positions to become better acquainted with the intertwined manner in which corruption manifests itself and the social complexities surrounding it. Participants are provided with the necessary skills and tools to better understand and contribute to the fight against corruption and take preventive measures to this effect in their own environment. Through access to about 1,100 IACA alumni in more than 150 countries and jurisdictions they have the chance to develop a strong network of professionals that will assist them both during and after their studies.

»Fighting corruption is not simply a form of governance; it is a tool of governance upheld by responsible humanity. In the MACS programme, students learn the art and science of this important discipline. They are the steering force to a clean, fair, and just society.«



**Daniel Ming-chak Li**  
Deputy Commissioner and Director of Operations (ret.), Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption  
MACS lecturer



PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND DESIGN

During the first academic year, the programme includes a series of multi-disciplinary core courses that provide participants with a strong foundation of fundamental theories on corruption, combined with academic research methodology.

During the second academic year, the programme focuses on courses that provide participants with practical strategies in countering corruption.

Additionally, participants are required to complete a master's thesis for which supporting courses are provided.

Throughout the programme, participants will also attend sessions conducive to their personal development. These sessions are meant to facilitate networking within the group and enhance an open attitude towards common and sustainable solutions.

Courses are carried out through lectures, case studies, interactive games, group work, stakeholder discussions, and other interactive methods, and strive to prepare the students to offer effective anti-corruption measures themselves. Modules are complemented by panel discussions, study visits, and special events.

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| MACS CURRICULUM | MODULE I<br>Concepts and Issues in Corruption                         |
|                 | MODULE II<br>Political Science and Corruption                         |
|                 | MODULE III<br>Economics of Corruption                                 |
|                 | MODULE IV<br>Anti-Corruption, Law and International Initiatives       |
|                 | MODULE V<br>Anti-Corruption, Compliance and the Private Sector        |
|                 | MODULE VI<br>Anti-Corruption Enforcement and the Public Sector        |
|                 | MODULE VII<br>Corruption Prevention and the Future of Anti-Corruption |
|                 | Master's Thesis   |

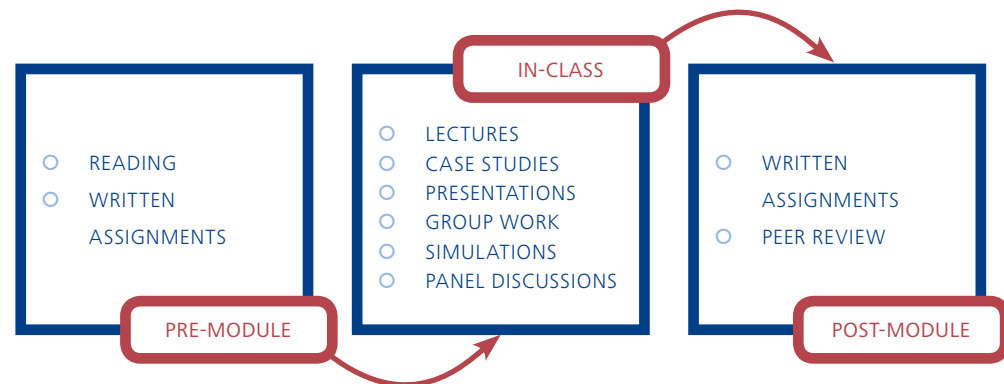
»The MACS course content has benefited me not only intellectually but also institutionally. I have been able to translate what I have learned at IACA into workable policies which guide my leadership decision-making.«



**Ady Macauley** (Sierra Leone)  
Barrister & Solicitor of the High Court of Sierra Leone and Anti-Corruption Expert  
MACS 2015 - 2017 graduate



The MACS uses a three-tier modular structure (pre-, in-class, and post-module), ensuring effective knowledge transfer and the immediate applicability of the content.



The **pre-module** (self-study) phase offers readings and assignments which aim at achieving an equal standard of knowledge within the group.

The **in-class** phase allows participants to expand on and utilize the knowledge they acquired in the pre-module (self-study) phase. Participants are guided by lecturers who provide them with more in-depth knowledge and practical tools. This phase prepares participants for the practical use and application of the material in their professional settings.

During the **post-module** (written assignment) phase, participants have the opportunity to apply the knowledge gained while carrying out their assignment or project which reflects the overall learning outcomes of each module.

The MACS programme has been developed in consultation with and is supported by major international stakeholders from all sectors. For more information on our partners, please consult our website at [www.iaca.int/constituency/partners.html](http://www.iaca.int/constituency/partners.html).

»I really enjoyed the MACS programme because of the diversity of people that I interacted with, not only culturally but also from a career perspective. Part of the driver for me in signing up was to learn about what other corporations are doing and what best practices would be.«



**Karen Schonfelder** (Canada)  
Head, Compliance Program Office  
and Compliance Officer (Acting),  
SNC-Lavalin  
MACS 2012-2014 graduate

## CANDIDATE PROFILE

The MACS programme aims to bring together professionals from all regions of the world, who have a minimum of three years of working experience in the public or private sector, international, non-governmental, or civil society organizations.

The programme also welcomes media representatives and academics with a proven history of academic research in areas related to corruption.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduate degree, equivalent to a Bachelor degree
- Minimum of three years of relevant work experience or a proven history of academic research in areas related to anti-corruption and/or compliance
- Proficiency in written and spoken English



## ADMISSION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Participants are selected taking into account their professional and academic experience. IACA is committed to promoting diversity and strives to attract participants from various regional and professional backgrounds. Bringing together diverse perspectives and practices to better learn about and tackle corruption is essential to the quality of the MACS programme.

APPLICATION

SELECTION

NOTIFICATION

## HOW TO APPLY

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»I just couldn't think of a better place to study. Being a practicing lawyer, I don't think I could have ever taken a programme full-time. However, this programme allowed me to combine my work with my studies and get the most out of it.«



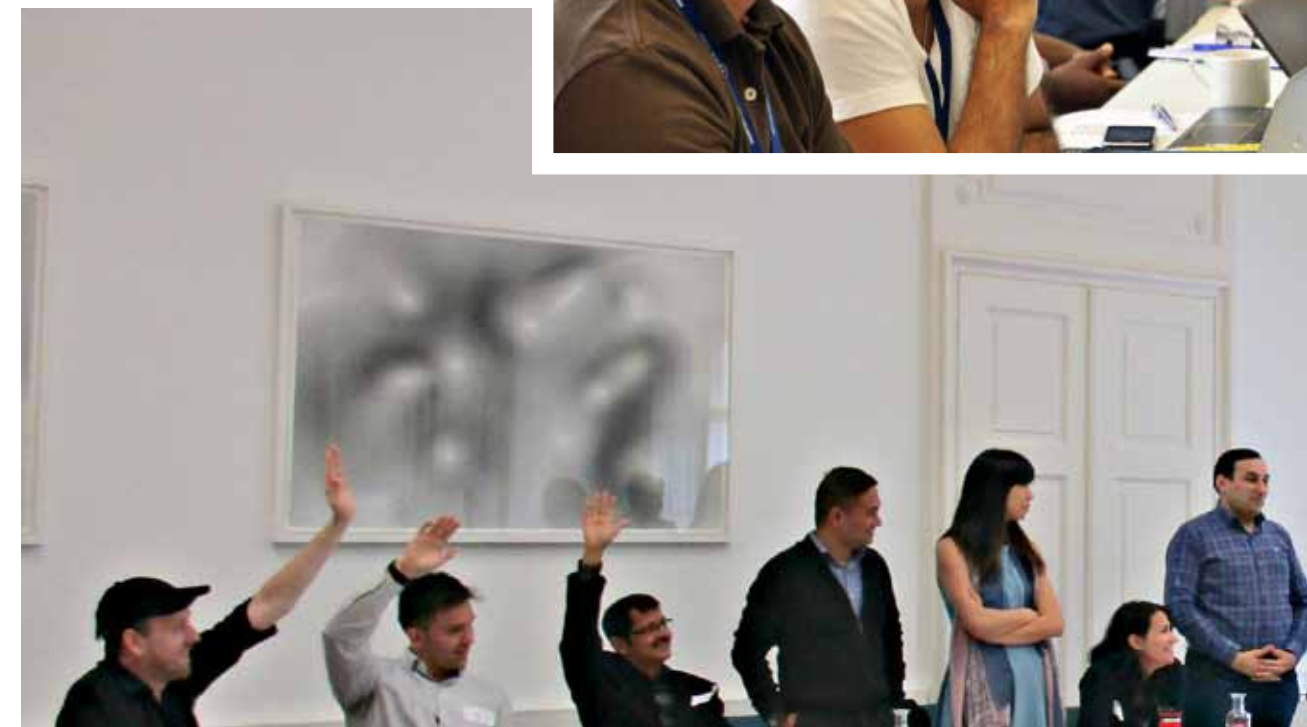
**Arjun Ahluwalia** (India)  
Argentum Advisors  
MACS 2012-2014 graduate

### Required documents:

- University diploma
- University transcript
- Curriculum Vitae or résumé
- Personal statement
- Proof of employment
- Proof of English proficiency
- Passport copy
- Colour photo
- Two letters of recommendation
- 100 EUR application fee

## SCHOLARSHIPS

IACA offers a limited number of scholarships for participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and some other countries and jurisdictions as defined by specific donors in consultation with IACA. These highly competitive scholarships fully or partially cover the programme fee, travel, and accommodation expenses.





## KEY FACTS

### DEGREE AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION/ACCREDITATION

MACS participants receive a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Anti-Corruption Studies which includes 120 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) and enables enrolment into Ph.D. programmes.

IACA is recognized by the Republic of Austria as an institution of post-secondary education to the effect that IACA's study programmes and academic degrees are treated equivalent to those of educational institutions accredited in accordance with the Bologna process.

### LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

### DURATION

Two years and two months.

### PROGRAMME FEE

28,820 EUR (MACS 2018, to be adjusted for inflation for subsequent intakes). The programme fee covers the costs of teaching including teaching materials, as well as catering service during in-class sessions, and transportation organized by IACA between accommodation and classes, but doesn't cover accommodation, travel and graduation expenses.

### APPLICATION FEE

100 EUR

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Please visit our website, [macs.iaca.int](http://macs.iaca.int) for up-to-date information.

### ACCOMMODATION

IACA assists participants in finding accommodation.

### LOCATION

IACA campus, Laxenburg, Austria, and at least one other location worldwide in cooperation with partner institutions.





## CONTACT INFORMATION

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