Presentation
Diplomatic Academy
Diplomatic Academy
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the Czech Republic
History of the Diplomatic Academy

1997

- Establishment of the Diplomatic Academy
- Cooperation formalised with the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

2007

- Integral part of MFA structure
Activities of the Diplomatic Academy

• Conceives, prepares, organizes and mediates the training of diplomats for the MFA

• Cooperates with internal and external lecturers and develops relations with Czech and foreign partners

• Guarantees a lifelong learning programme for diplomats

• Takes part in organized foreign and interdepartmental internships, including at foreign institutions
Activities of the Diplomatic Academy

- Continuous education for diplomats
Activities of the Diplomatic Academy

- Diplomatic training programmes
Activities of the Diplomatic Academy

- Language and computer training
International cooperation

• With the EU states

European Diplomatic Programme
Diplomatic Training Programme

• With the non-EU states

Memoranda of cooperation
Ad hoc on specific topics
Summer School of European Studies in Telč

- A project for foreign junior diplomats and civil servants from the Czech Republic
- Addressing European matters
- 40 participants
Diplomatic education – General Diplomatic Training - DA1

- Professional training of junior diplomats
- Use of theoretical knowledge gained in from university for practical work within the MFA
Diplomatic education – DA1

• Full-time study combined form
  - lectures
  - interactive seminars
  - self-study
  - e-learning

• Duration: 6 months
Diplomatic education – DA1

- Training blocs:
  - International relations and diplomacy
  - Economic diplomacy
  - Diplomatic protocol
  - Soft skills
  - Psychological preparation
  - Media training
  - Analytical writing
  - Diplomatic English
  - Foreign policies (bilateral and multilateral, history and present)
Diplomatic education – DA1

- Study trips to Brussels and Vienna
Diplomatic education – DA1

- Special survival course (by the Czech military academy in Vyškov)
Diplomatic education – DA1

- Two-month internship at a representative office in a difficult territory
Diplomatic education – DA1

- 4 month internship in MFA departments
- Successful defense of a final presentation
- Between 1998 and 2013, 208 diplomats successfully completed the DA1
Diplomatic education – DA1

• Successful completion of the DA1 is a prerequisite for earning a diplomatic rank
Admission to the Diplomatic Academy

• Usually once a year – announced in February
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