

THE INTERNACIONAL COURSE ON DIPLOMACY 2011

DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF
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DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY “ANDRES BELLO”

Established in 1954 for the selection, training, and promotion requirements for future Chilean diplomats, the Diplomatic Academy of Chile “ Andrés Bello” began to accept foreign students in 1977.

The Academy, one of the oldest on the continent, prepares future Chilean diplomats and, for over three decades, has also contributed to the education of diplomats from South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Africa.

in addition to conducting classes, its halls host student seminars and conferences, international meetings, negotiations, official engagements and other Academy’s diplomatic activities.

Emphasis is placed on the following two courses among all those included in the Andrés Bello Diplomatic Academy curriculum: Core Training for Chilean Diplomats and the International Course on Diplomacy for foreign diplomats. There are also additional training programs for members of the Chilean Foreign Service and short specialized courses.

Officials

Director, Ambassador Pablo Cabrera

Deputy Director, Minister Counsellor Cristian Streeter

Academic Coordinator, Counsellor Loreto Leyton



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ACADEMY

Since 1977 the academy has accepted more than 200 students from different countries like Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Letonia, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, Popular Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Rumania, Russia, Singapore, Soviet Union, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, The Philippines, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zaire.

In addition to the International Course in Diplomacy, other programs have been developed. Among them, short courses for South, Central American and Caribbean Diplomats.

Assistance has been offered to staffs of sister Academies, and members of our faculty have imparted courses abroad, responding to invitations extended by Ministries or Academies from other countries. This experience has allowed this Diplomatic Academy to help other Foreign Ministries in the design or modernization of their training centers.



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OBJECTIVES

- To offer diplomatic training with a many – sided approach that integrates political, legal, economic, social, cultural, and historical issues;
- To provide an updated perspective on South America and Chile, particularly regarding their geographical connotations, as well as putting a special emphasis on Latin American affairs;
- To offer a Latin American perspective on international and regional affairs;
- To allow participants to engage in an active exchange with fellow diplomats from a number of countries, generating links that remain active and useful throughout their professional careers;
- To make possible a one – week tour of Chile, intended to provide foreign students with a broader knowledge of the country before their returning home.



COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- The course is divided into two terms of fourteen weeks each
- Classes extend from the first week of June and end in December of 2011.
- A diploma is awarded at the end of the academic year.
- Classes are Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mornings are dedicated to lectures and afternoons to research, activities, meetings and further studies .
- Students are encouraged to use the Library, that has approximately 50.000 volumes available, besides newspapers and magazines.
- Each student is assigned an individual Internet- linked computer in the Study Room.
- Lessons are given in Spanish and an active participation of the students is expected. Adequate proficiency in the language is, therefore, required.
- Students must attend seminars and conferences given by Chilean or foreign experts on international, regional and Chilean issues.
- Students must be prepared to make a one-hour presentation to faculty and fellow-students on their respective countries. It is advised that appropriate material (graphic or audio-visual) is brought along by the student.

REQUIREMENTS AND INSCRIPTION

PROCEDURES

- Candidates must be members of their country's Foreign Service.
- Formal nomination by the respective Ministry of Foreign Affairs is required;
- Candidates should be in their late twenties o early thirties;
- Appropriate knowledge of Spanish, as vouched by the local Chilean Mission, is mandatory.
- An application form should be completed and sent to the Chilean Embassy in the respective country.



VACANCIES AND GRANTS AVAILABLE

- 17 vacancies have been available, on average, in recent years.
- Student fees are waived, and library service is provided Monday to Friday.
- Lunch is included, as well as the costs of the October academic tour.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs that sponsors the candidate must provide round trip transportation, lodging and food expenses, local transport, and medical insurance. Approximately U\$700 a month should suffice for a single student's normal expenses, including lodging. The Academy, if required, can help in finding the latter.
- There are some grants available which cover all costs, including round trip and medical insurance. These grants are limited in number and distributed, preferably, to students from developing countries.

OCTOBER ACADEMIC TOUR

As part of the annual program of activities, every October the training course of Chilean and foreign diplomats make a study tour to the southern of Chile.

This trip is in conjunction with other students from the armed forces of our country aboard a ship that sails through the southern channels of Chile. Some of the highlights are Puerto Williams, Cape Horn and the Beagle Channel.



Puerto Williams

