

ADA University

Overview

Located in Baku, at the center of an increasingly significant part of the world, ADA University has gone through exciting and remarkable growth since its inception. It started as Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (ADA) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - a training institute to meet the urgent needs of expanding diplomatic service in 2006. In September 2012 Academy moved to a new “green” and “smart” campus in Baku’s thriving downtown. Innovating at the cross section of academia, business, and public and international affairs, Academy went through a significant program expansion launching new graduate and undergraduate programs. In short period of time, Academy has grown from a small office into a state-of-the-art campus while asserting itself on the world’s academic map by attracting renowned scholars, accomplished practitioners and talented students from around the world. Distinguished by noteworthy contributions to the advancement of education, knowledge and service both in Azerbaijan and beyond, the transformation of the Academy into ADA University was legalized on January 13, 2014 when President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev signed a decree affirming the University status to ADA.

Today, ADA University consists of four schools. Along with School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), ADA has launched a School of Business (SB), School of Education (SE) and School of Information Technologies and Engineering (SITE). Within these Schools University offers following degree programs:

Graduate programs:

- Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Affairs (MADIA)
- Master of Public Policy (MPP)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Executive MBA (dual degree program in partnership with Maastricht School of Management)

Undergraduate programs:

- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BAIS)
- Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs (BAPA)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Bachelor of Science in Economics (BSE)
- Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS)
- Bachelor of IT and System Engineering (BITSE)

Also within the University has been created department of Executive Education, which provides broad range of trainings and short-term courses for national and international civil servants and representatives of national corporate sector.

In addition to academic programs, ADA has the first substantial foreign language library in Azerbaijan. It is combining research and teaching while seeking fresh insights into the challenges Azerbaijan faces as an increasingly important player on the international scene. Against this background, ADA’s

vision is to grow into an education institution with international status to prepare both innovative global leaders who are committed to fostering advanced research in a thought-provoking academic setting, and socially responsible citizens who will make a difference in the region and throughout the world. This vision, in turn, translates into the following four-pillar mission for the institution:

- Prepare global leaders for future;
- Promote innovation in teaching, research, learning and administration;
- Develop accountable citizenship and social responsibility;
- Expand and maintain a thriving location, where all of the above takes place.

ADA is fully committed to making a sustainable and consistent progress toward this mission. For this purpose, a concerted effort is currently being undertaken in the following six areas to foster institutional development and build foundation for sustainable operation for many years ahead:

- Continue to develop a student-centered education model;
- Develop human resources;
- Expand degree and non-degree programs;
- Develop infrastructure and library services;
- Obtain international recognition; and
- Ensure sustainable development.

Today ADA University keeps expanding its international cooperation with different Universities. Moreover, the proximity of the University to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as its close relationships with the governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations offer unparalleled opportunities for further development.