



About ADA University

ADA University started as a training institute to meet the urgent needs of the expanding diplomatic service of Azerbaijan. It has grown into a university with several schools, offering graduate and undergraduate degree programs and Executive Education for professionals in government and the business sector. Currently, ADA University is dedicated to preparing innovative global leaders and to promoting useful collaborative research on diplomacy, public and international affairs, business, humanities and sciences, information technologies and systems engineering. Currently, around 2500 students are enrolled at ADA University both at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Executive Education

ADA University Executive Education is the major training vehicle for both civil servants and business people in the country as well as international audience. Executive Education has been an important tool for government agencies and businesses to nurture junior, midcareer and top leadership talent for more than ten years.

Our mission is to provide high quality and needs-based professional development and training programs for government and business based on our distinguished academic resources. Our Executive Education Programs fosters dialogue between government and business and provides excellent networking opportunities among all participants. Our alumni network consists of over 5,000 professionals. Offered Programs: Advanced Foreign Service Program, Caspian Basin Studies Program, Leadership and Management Development, Communication Skills and Business Essentials.

In 2011-2021, 221 foreign diplomats and other professionals from Europe, Asia, Africa, United States, Latin America and Caribbean Countries participated in "Caspian Basin Studies" Program by Executive Education funded by MFA.

Caspian Basin Studies Program 2021

Target Audience: Foreign Think-Tanks and Academic Institutions

Program Language: English

Date: November 13-20, 2021; Class Time: 09:00-18:00

Caspian Basin Studies is a certificate program that offers a unique opportunity for foreign diplomats and other civil servants to explore and study the Caspian Basin region in-depth. CBS provides participants with knowledge of the region's diverse and rich history and culture, demographic makeup, ethnic and territorial conflicts, trade and economic affairs, and issues of geopolitics and regional security. Beside the knowledge-based courses, museum visits, field trips to Think-Tank, MFA and other government agencies and visit to the liberated Karabakh Region will be organized within the program.

MODULE 1, Economics and Development: The Module focuses on the economic development patterns of the Caspian states and unique challenges that their economies face. It offers a critical assessment of the impact of resource abundance on the economic growth patterns in the region and highlight alternative strategies in the development of regional non-oil economy. Participants will examine the transition economies of the regional countries in comparative perspective and evaluate the role of natural resources in the economies of the resource-rich states.

MODULE 2, Foreign Policy, Geopolitics, and Security: The Module provides a comparative examination of topics related to foreign policy-making, geopolitics, and security issues in the Caspian region. Participants study institutions and foreign policy-making process and factors influencing the foreign policy of individual Caspian states. The Module investigates interstate relations and regional security challenges, including ethnic and territorial conflicts.

MODULE 3, Politics, Religion and Society: The Module covers issues associated with the political and societal transformation in the Caspian region since the collapse of the Soviet Union. It focuses on political developments in the regional states and challenges faced by the governments in the reform process. It examines concepts including, but not limited to, state formation, religion, and demographics as those apply to the Caspian basin region in general and Azerbaijan in particular. The Module includes presentations and discussions on transition and democracy as well as human rights and civil society.

MODULE 4, Energy and Environment: The Module surveys the dynamics of Caspian energy production and export and developments in the recent energy politics. Participants learn about major oil and gas exploration projects in the region and look at different country strategies with respect to energy security. The Module also covers issues related to environment and ecosystem in the Caspian Sea.

Who Can Apply?

We look for experienced professionals who are interested to explore and study in-depth the Caspian Basin Region focusing on Azerbaijan:

- Junior, mid and senior level professionals from Foreign Think-Tanks and Academic Institutions focused on International Affairs, Diplomacy, Foreign Policy, Conflict Studies and Energy Security.

Program Criteria

Although there are no formal education requirements, admission is a selective process based on professional background including research and expertise in the region.

- Applicants should have 3-10 years of work experience in Think-Tanks or Academic Institutions;
- Fluency in English (written and speaking);
- Preference will be given to the candidates who did not visit Azerbaijan in past.

Application Process

To request an application form please contact Ms. Chinara Mammadli, Administrator, Government Programs, Executive Education, at cmammadli@ada.edu.az, Tel: (+99412) 4373235 ext. 473 or (+99455) 5024692

Application form should be submitted by email to cmammadli@ada.edu.az **by October 10, 2021.**

All interested candidates must submit the following documents in order to be considered for program:

1. Application Form
2. Motivation letter expressing your interest to participate in program (1 page)
3. Resume (maximum 2 pages)
4. Passport copy
5. Electronic photo
6. COVID-19 Vaccine Passport

Application Timeline

- Application period: **September 20 – October 10, 2021**
- Acceptance/Denial letters sent by **October 12, 2021**

Tuition and Expenses

“Caspian Basin Studies” Program is organized by ADA University Executive Education and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan. ADA University Executive Education covers all program expenses: *visa, travel fair (economy class), transportation in Azerbaijan, accommodation and all meals.*

Certificates

Certificates of participation are awarded to participants upon completion of the program.