

Academic Curriculum

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Academic Year



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Location and Building

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago contributed funds to a new building for the DAOC, which was officially opened on 21 August 2015. Located on the St. Augustine Campus of The UWI, the building adjoins the IIR.

The building plays host to the Academy's Secretariat and includes classrooms, breakout rooms, and a board room and television studio, among other amenities.







What is the DAOC?

An integral part of the Institute of International Relations (IIR) at The UWI, the DAOC is the Caribbean's premier professional development-oriented diplomatic studies training centre.

The DAOC's mission

The DAOC is geared towards contributing to training a new generation of diplomat from the Caribbean region. In this regard, the Diplomatic Academy provides quality theoretical and practical education and training in the skills of modern diplomacy, concomitantly, effecting research/analysis, knowledge-sharing, advocacy and partnerships on the relationship between diplomacy and the Caribbean.

The DAOC's strategic objectives

- 1. To provide capacity-building and skills-development training
- 2. To deepen and create knowledge to support engagement on global issues and processes
- To enhance the understanding and practice of contemporary diplomacy
- 4. To support evolving needs and requirements of modern diplomacy

The Diplomatic Academy derives its character from its global outlook, real-world impact and Caribbean mindedness which, in sum, constitute The DAOC AdvantageTM



Who It's For

Are you a young or mid-career professional pursuing an international career?

Have you completed university-level studies incorporating multidisciplinary formal training in politics or economics or public/business administration or policy analysis or culture and society, drawing upon a Caribbean perspective or regional focus?

Are you looking for high-quality, immersive learning and short-term, hands-on practical training that won't interrupt your academic studies or career; rather, augment same, recalibrating your professional profile to cast you as a highly marketable international expert with in-depth, specialist understanding of international affairs and contemporary diplomatic practice?

Are you keen to gain relevant expertise by leveraging a *cohort network of like-minded peers*, as well as by having *direct access to scholar-practitioner facilitators* from within and outside of the Caribbean?

Then the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean (DAOC) is for you

Contact the DAOC to see which module options can serve your goals

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A Message from the DAOC Manager

Since its inception over nine years ago, the DAOC has established itself as a respected Caribbean-oriented centre of diplomatic studies. For Caribbean professionals seeking to expand their capabilities to advance an international career, the DAOC is a trusted educational partner. Combining a world-class suite of curricular offerings, which align with topical policy and learning trends, with a programme of advocacy and partnerships regarding the relationship between diplomacy and the Caribbean, the Diplomatic Academy provides a unique setting for stakeholders to deepen diplomatic skills/knowledge & enhance policy expertise.

In the 2023 – 2024 academic year (AY), the DAOC continues with this proud tradition. With regard to its primary teaching function, the DAOC plans to offer four online, off-the-shelf training modules. In addition, over this AY, the DAOC intends to host a set of in-house, customized online modules for some institutional clients. Upon successful completion of modules, learners will be awarded a Certificate of Training. Two workshops are also scheduled, along with four webinars. The latter will be held between Q3 2023 & Q2 '24.

For the period in question, this document sets out a roster for DAOC off-the-shelf modules, workshops & webinars. Regarding modules, programme details (including tuition fees & convening dates) are outlined elsewhere. Information—available electronically—on the other online events will be published in due course.

The roll-out of this DAOC curriculum comes at a challenging time, considering the lingering knock-on effects of the COVID-19 crisis and heightened geopolitical tensions. They loom large in the context of several multilevel global crises. Higher education, like most other sectors, is going through an especially difficult time, making adjustments of its own. Like The UWI, the DAOC has adjusted how it conducts its affairs, with the health and well-being of its stakeholders in mind. This will be most apparent in terms of the Diplomatic Academy continuing to leverage remote means of delivery of training modules, and more.

In closing, now, more than ever, a complex, broadbased and interconnected diplomatic and global affairs environment obtains. In order to make sense of and contribute to effecting real action on some of the most pressing challenges of our time in such an environment, sharpened diplomatic skills & deep policy understanding garnered from modern diplomacy education are essential. The DAOC can help you make a difference.

Sincerely,

Nand C. Bardouille, Ph.D. Manager, DAOC

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DAOC Training Modules Lined up for the 2023 – 2024 AY (off-the-shelf training)*

- Protocol and Diplomacy: A Guide for the Modern Professional
- Caribbean Small States and the Diplomacies of Climate Change: Negotiations in Practice
- Energy Diplomacy: Foreign and Security Policy Contexts in the Caribbean
- Global Health Diplomacy and the Caribbean: Negotiations and the Policy Environment



DAOC Workshops: Term 1 & 2, 2023 – 2024

- One workshop scheduled per semester



DAOC Webinars Lined up: Q3 2023 – Q2 2024

- The UN & CARICOM Interests in Multilateralism in a Time of Geopolitical Change
- Delivering on CARICOM's Promise: The Foreign Policy Path Ahead at 50
- COP28 and CARICOM: Assessing Progress to-date and Looking Forward to the Next United Nations Climate Change Conference
- Europe's Geopolitical Turn: Whither its Relations with the Caribbean Region?

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We live in an unprecedentedly networked and uncertain world, which has implications for the pursuit of an international career.

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Take the next step to position yourself to effectively engage today's complex, highly interconnected global landscape...





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The Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean (DAOC): Setting the Scene

The realities of contemporary globalization and new communications technologies are such that at the individual-to-individual and institution-to-institution levels, the Caribbean today is at once *more global* and *less on the margins* of international politics. The ever-increasing interdependence of the 21st Century hyper-globalized, Fourth Industrial Revolution-enabled "network (global) society" offers significant opportunities for diplomatic dialog and collaboration, broadly conceived; but it also poses obstacles, which a new generation of Caribbean professional will have to be well equipped to effectively navigate.

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The DAOC is deeply committed to continuing its mission to help train a new generation of diplomat from the Region.

The DAOC's teaching programmes are best suited for junior to mid-career professionals from the circum-Caribbean, who work for government, business and civil society organizations, as well as international organizations.

The Diplomatic Academy's multi-rung or three-tiered study track offers high-quality, immersive learning and short-term, hands-on practical training in modern diplomacy education, as a complement to formal training and on-the-job training in that area. Its professional development-centric module-based or cust-omized/tailor-made workshop teaching programmes, which are held over several days, guide participants in honing their diplomatic capabilities. They impart the knowledge, essential (especially soft) skills, insights and networks needed of 'global thinkers' to fast-track a career path and drive greater success in the multi-focal profession of diplomacy.

The teaching programmes are interactive and, while they are situated in an academic or disciplinary context, the approach to teaching is analytical. It is practice- and teamwork-oriented *via* techniques such as the use of real-world case studies, peer mentoring and, on a case-by-case basis, study visits, among others. The means of action are four-fold:

- i. innovative and experiential sharing and learning;
- ii. simulations and advanced training methods;
- iii, networking with superior local, regional and international expertise; and
- iv. outreach beyond the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Depending on the target audience's teaching delivery preference, programmes can be undertaken oncampus or arrangements can also be made for the Academy's team to deliver same off-site. Use of distance technology in some future programmes may be possible, although face-to-face interaction is invaluable. The language of instruction is English.

Upon the successful completion of its training, participants are conferred with a DAOC credential.

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