

# **MA in International Water Governance and Water Diplomacy**

**Faculty of Water Sciences, National University of Public Service,  
Hungary**

## **Programme Outline**

### **Objective**

The two year MA programme in International Water Governance and Water Diplomacy, starting September 2020, offers up-to-date, practice-oriented education for practicing and future water managers, diplomats, national and international civil servants engaged in transboundary or global environmental issues. Based on a blend of natural and social sciences, extensive field training and project-based team work, the programme is aimed to enable students to master complex water policy challenges, decision and conflict situations.

### **Structure and content of the MA programme**

The programme comprises five broad knowledge clusters as follows (detailed programme see below):

- *General questions of water management* provides an introduction to the scientific and technical fundamentals of water governance: hydrology, integrated water resources management and environmental/sustainability challenges of water policy,
- *Introduction to water governance and conflict management* covers the institutions, politics and economics of water governance from a general perspective. It also touches upon the fundamentals of decision-systems, conflict management and communication,
- *Water law* comprises three different courses dedicated to the legal regulation of water at national, international and European Union level,
- *International water governance* focuses on theoretical, political and institutional questions of water governance (save conflict resolution). It also provides an introduction to water project management from an international perspective,
- *Water diplomacy and international conflict management* is dedicated to the prevention and resolution of water-related interstate conflicts and disputes. It also covers a general introduction to diplomacy and the military dimensions of water.

### **Tuition fees**

The costs of tuition for 20 full time and 15 part time students of Hungarian nationality will be covered by the public administration government scholarship scheme. An additional 20 full time and 15 part time students can participate in the programme subject to a fee of HUF 285 000/semester and HUF 265 000/semester, respectively

### **Venue**

Budapest, Hungary, premises of the National University of Public Service.

### **Admission and application**

Conditions of application:

- bachelor degree in political science, law, engineering, water management, economics, natural sciences, social sciences, international relations,
- proof language proficiency (English, B2)

Admission is subject to prior interview.

Applications by students of Hungarian nationality: as specified on [www.felvi.hu](http://www.felvi.hu). Foreign students please contact [waterdiplo@uni-nke.hu](mailto:waterdiplo@uni-nke.hu)

### Contact

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### Syllable

Semester					Credit
1	2	3	4		
<i>General questions of water management</i>					
Introduction to integrated water resources management					5
Introduction to hydrology + hydrology field training					4 + 3
Water and the Anthropocene: the sustainability challenges of water management					4
<i>Introduction to water governance and conflict management</i>					
Fundamental questions of water governance					4
Water economics					4
	Water-related decision-systems and support tools				4
	Complex water problem solving from a decision support perspective				5
	Environmental conflict management and communication + simulation exercise				3 + 3
<i>Water law</i>					
	Introduction to water law				4
	International water law				5
	European Union water law				5
	International legal and decision-making simulation				5
<i>International water governance</i>					
		Fundamental questions of international water governance			6
		The institutions of international water governance			4
		Water and the United Nations System			4
		International water project management			5
		Water-related cooperation in the Danube Basin			4
<i>Water conflict management and water diplomacy</i>					
			Introduction to diplomacy		4
			Military aspects of natural resources		4
			Institutions and procedures of international water conflict management		4
			Strategic and tactical aspects of international water conflict management		6
			Practice of international water conflict management		5
<i>Elective courses + diploma thesis</i>					
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