

Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: An Introductory Course

The Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP) invites graduate and post-graduate students of biological and chemical sciences to apply for an intensive introductory course on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The course will be conducted online from **22 to 26 February 2021** between **9:30** and **13:00 CET**.

The course will provide an overview of the threats posed by biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons (collectively known as weapons of mass destruction), as well as existing international and national mechanisms aimed at controlling their spread and achieving their elimination. The course will also examine the implications of new and emerging technologies for the risk of spread and use of weapons of mass destruction. Course instructors will include renowned experts on non-proliferation, disarmament, arms control, export controls, verification and related subjects from the VCDNP, other research centers and think tanks, and international organizations. Prior to the in-class session, course participants will be given access to online preparatory materials.

The course is open to students currently enrolled in a European university, pursuing a graduate or post-graduate degree in the field of biological or chemical sciences. The language of instruction is English; therefore, good English language skills are essential for successful completion of the course. There is no tuition fee.

The deadline for applications is **29 January 2021**. **Applications from qualified women are encouraged**. Applications should be submitted in English and include:

1. A letter of interest of no more than 500 words;
2. A letter confirming current enrollment in a graduate/post-graduate program;
3. A record of courses taken to date and grades received.

Application materials can be submitted via email to apply@vcdnp.org. Selections will be finalized by 5 February 2021, and applicants will be informed thereafter. All inquiries about the course should be directed to apply@vcdnp.org.

