

Azerbaijan Tourism Institute

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ourism is now becoming a major area of study among students all over the world and its development and management hold many career opportunities for students. By studying tourism, you will start to understand how people, travel and their interaction give rise to changes in society, the economy and environment at a global scale. Azerbaijan Tourism Institute (ATI) was established according to the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers. ATI is subordinated to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan while being government educational concern suitable the government educational standards. The professional objective of ATI is to train specialists to meet demand of highly qualified experts in the field of hospitality, tourism and leisure management that has derived from its efforts in developing tourism in Azerbaijan. Studying at the Tourism Institute will equip students with the necessary skills from a management perspective which will be invaluable in seeking to understand what the tourism industry need to do to improve their competitive edge, grow their business and seek out new business opportunities. Teaching methods in Tourism Institute normally include a combination of lectures, workshops, tutorials and on some courses-field visits. ATI signed an international contract with the University of Applied Sciences of Krems/Austria and due to this contract in the final year the students who graduate the institute with honor will be awarded the double-degree diploma.

ATI trains the following specialists in the field of tourism management:

Ø ***One-Tourism and Leisure Management- Faculty***

Ø ***Eight specialities***

1. Tourism Management
2. Tourism Marketing
3. Tourism socio-cultural service
4. Sports tourism
5. Art and cultural tourism
6. Health, spa and wellness tourism
7. Travel and Tourism Guiding (bilingual)
8. Service and medical treatment administration in resorts

University qualifications:

- Excellent teaching English in one-year courses.
- Joint degree contract with University of Applied Sciences of Krems/Austria
- Highly skilled teaching staff of the university helps to realize the study programs in ATI suitable to the international standards.

Being newly created educational establishment ATI pays great attention to its relations with different organizations, institutions and other establishments. The

International Relations office of ATI is working on the Erasmus Mundus –External Cooperation Window programme. The Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window is designed to foster co-operation in the field of higher education between the European Union and Third- countries through a mobility scheme addressing student and academic exchange. ATI is already won grant for this program. In the same time International office is working on establishing relations with Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC). The program was initiated in 1997 by the Asian Development Bank to promote economic growth and raise living standards in its participating countries by encouraging regional economic cooperation.