

Master of Arts DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

"From the outset, I really enjoyed the content and flexibility of the course, it suited my needs completely... the quality of discussion during classes was a lot higher than I could ever have imagined. I am a clinical physiotherapist, and I wanted to see if I could pick up a whole new set of skills...now that I have secured my first development role (at Handicap International, an international organisation that helps people with disabilities living in impoverished circumstances) I'm putting my skills and knowledge into practice to advise on the suitability of some of their programs from a physiotherapist perspective, while integrating my knowledge of community development."

Weh Yeoh, Physiotherapist Advisor
Graduate: MA in Development Studies

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Development Studies aims to advance our understanding of the social, economic, political and environmental conditions in developing countries. The Master of Arts in Development Studies challenges students to investigate and consider the sources and solutions to the inequality in developing countries - the home of the 1.4bn people in the world's population living below the UN's minimum 'poverty line' income.

A range of key contemporary development issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives are considered in the program. Students gain an advanced knowledge of the nature of poverty, inequality and the other development factors in the developing world and the theories, policies and practices developed to address them. The program equips students with superior analytical skills and a practical appreciation of the processes of development, development policy and implementation. This advanced understanding of contemporary development issues ensures our graduates are informed global citizens that are in high demand by employers.

The program's unique structure allows students to shape the program to suit particular interests and career aspirations by combining the required core courses with a broad range of specialist electives across the areas of Development Management; Asia-Pacific Regional Studies; Political Economy and the Environment; Humanities, Human Rights and Politics. The program attracts students from diverse backgrounds providing a rich and stimulating learning environment to exchange informed ideas and engage in scholarly debates about development. The program offers various modes of learning to provide a holistic educational experience. Development Studies is also offered as a Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate program.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates have secured positions in development practice, policy and program analysis in the public, private or not-for-profit sector, including aid, advocacy, health and education organisations. Graduates have also effectively combined their new development knowledge with existing expertise in areas such as human resources and environmental management. Recent graduates have built successful careers as education program managers, NGO development practitioners and in various UN roles in countries such as China, India, Laos, Pakistan, Africa and Australia.



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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Students have the opportunity to carry out special program courses in policy analysis, research and development program analysis for a broad range of organisations. Previous projects include research into improved ways of making remittances to small countries, and investigating the nature of the vulnerability of young people in a variety of settings. Students can also volunteer or intern in related degree programs.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program consists of eight courses, including four required core courses and four electives. The program can be combined with other Masters as a double degree program.

CORE COURSES – SELECT 4

- International Development Policy
- International Political Economy
- Developing Countries and International Relations
- Policy Analysis
- NGOs and Development
- Information and Research for Policy
- Policy and Advocacy
- Issues and Policy in Social Development
- Politics of International Aid
- Internship Program

ELECTIVE COURSES

A variety of courses are available in these four focus areas. Four elective courses may be chosen from one of these areas. Students can enrol in relevant courses from other UNSW graduate programs if approved by the Program Convenor.

- Development Management
- Political Economy and the Environment
- Humanities, Human Rights and Politics
- Asia Pacific Regional Studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A recognised Bachelor degree and significant work experience in an area appropriate to the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Program Code 8225

Program Duration one year full-time or two years part-time

Location UNSW Kensington Campus

Commencement Semester 2, 2011 (July);
Semester 1, 2012 (March); Semester 2, 2012 (July)

UNSW Handbook www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/2011
(2012 handbook available September 2011)

How to Apply apply online at www.apply.unsw.edu.au

Application Deadlines

Semester 2, 2011 – Applications close 30 April 2011
Semester 1, 2012 – Applications close 30 October 2011

Fees <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/fees/FeesMainPage.html>

Information for International Students www.international.unsw.edu.au

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