

Master of **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

"The curriculum and academic staff attracted me to the Master of Social Development...their field experience means better translation of development theory to real world settings. I like the way the course encourages students to analyse development practice within various ideological frameworks, as well as political, cultural and social settings. The curriculum is directly applicable to work that I do – so I see immediate results! The MSD has not only assisted me in my current work with an international NGO, but also helped me to set new career goals. I also completed a component by research and was awarded an Australian Government Endeavour Research Fellowship to undertake fieldwork in Cambodia. Theory and academia should be accessible and applicable in the field – I'd like to play a role in bringing the two together."

Kristy Ward
Student:
Master of Social Development

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Social Development is a flexible and interactive program which provides specialist studies in international social development, international refugee protection, refugee resettlement and social and community development work within Australia.

The program is based on a philosophy of human rights, social justice, and a community development approach. The program uniquely focuses on the application of social development theory to practice in the field with emphasis on the ethics of development practice and research. Students develop a strong knowledge base and analytic framework to understand and negotiate the complexities of the geopolitical, economic, social and cultural contexts in which social development takes place.

The program is taught by a team of renowned academics who are at the front line of national and international social development practice. Their present field work informs the content and teaching of the program, contributes to broad academic analysis of the social development field and influences social development policy and practice at a local and global level.

The degree is designed to meet the needs of professionals already in the field and those interested in entering the field of social development. These include teachers, social workers, health professionals, community workers, lawyers, social planners, economists, engineers, environmental scientists, journalists, marketers, project managers and many others. The program attracts students from Australia and overseas, which provides a rich and stimulating learning environment.

Social Development is also offered as a Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The program equips students with practical professional skills which can be applied to a broad range of career options. Graduates have built diverse and rewarding career paths in local and international social development, from practice-based roles to research and policy within education and government. Our graduates can be found in local and international development agencies, policy and advocacy groups, community based organisations and government organisations at the local, state, federal and international levels.



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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

A significant focus of the program is practice-based learning and students have the opportunity to include an internship in their degree. Several self-funded international internships are offered in partnership with the UNSW Centre for Refugee Research. Students are able to work directly with refugee community organisations abroad or on issues of refugee law and policy in Geneva. A limited number of local internships with Sydney-based refugee or community development agencies are also offered each semester.

Students interested in developing research skills may consider including a research project course* into their program. The research project courses allow students to undertake an applied research project in social and community development or refugee settings in Australia or overseas.

**Entry to research project courses is at the discretion of the program convenor.*

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program consists of seven core courses and one elective.

Core Courses – All Specialisations

- Issues and Policy in Social Development
- Community Development
- Rights Based Project Design and Evaluation
- Rights Based Program and Project Management

International Social Development

Provides knowledge and a range of skills related to international policy, planning, delivery and the evaluation of programs and projects relevant to international social community development, aid work, advocacy and human rights.

The four core courses plus

- Politics of International Aid
- International Advocacy, Development and the UN
- Refugees and Forced Migration or Community Education Strategies
- One elective

Community Development

Focuses on education and service in community development, including studies in social and community development theory and practice, social policy in development, program management and evaluation and specialised studies in areas of community development. This is designed for students who plan to work in Australia or other developed country contexts.

The four core courses plus

- Policy Analysis
- Policy and Advocacy
- Working with Aboriginal People or International Protection Tools for Refugees and IDPs
- One elective

Refugees and Forced Migration

Builds knowledge and skills related to international and domestic refugee and development policy and in the development, delivery and evaluation of programs relevant to international and local social and community development and advocacy work with refugees and other displaced persons.

The four core courses plus

- Politics of International Aid
- Refugees and Forced Migration
- International Protection Tools for Refugees and IDPs or International Advocacy, Development and the UN
- One elective

CORE COURSES

Issues and Policy in Social Development

Introduces conceptual, structural and pragmatic issues in social development and offers a knowledge base and analytical framework for working with a global perspective in Australia or overseas. Global problems are addressed via studying policies adopted to address them. Topics may include: the colonial legacy, poverty, population growth and movement, gender, Third World debt, environmental degradation, war, refugees, Indigenous peoples' rights.

Community Development

Using a rights based approach, the course examines the nature of community development in an international and national context, drawing on a range of theoretical and case study materials. The course includes: a brief history of community development; the changing nature of community work; the political and ideological underpinnings; concepts of culture in relation to community work in developing societies; issues of gender and diversity; the dynamics of communication; applied rights based approaches; consultation, community participation and needs analysis, planning and sustainable service delivery.

Rights Based Project Design and Evaluation

Reviews the values, knowledge and skills required to design and evaluate social development programs in the international/cross-cultural contexts. Topics include: rights based community participatory approach to change; methods of needs assessment; defining outcome objectives; theories of decision making; models of scheduling and implementation; theory and practice of evaluation; the ethics and uses of evaluation. Students engage in a program planning and evaluation exercise to apply theory covered in the course.

Rights Based Program and Project Management

Current rights based trends and theory in international organisational management are analysed critically for their applicability in the social development arena. Budgeting and accounting practices, staff recruitment and staff management, ethical public relations and marketing for social development settings are examined. Strategies for transferring these skills to local partner agencies, and methods of evaluating program management in funded programs are also elements studied.

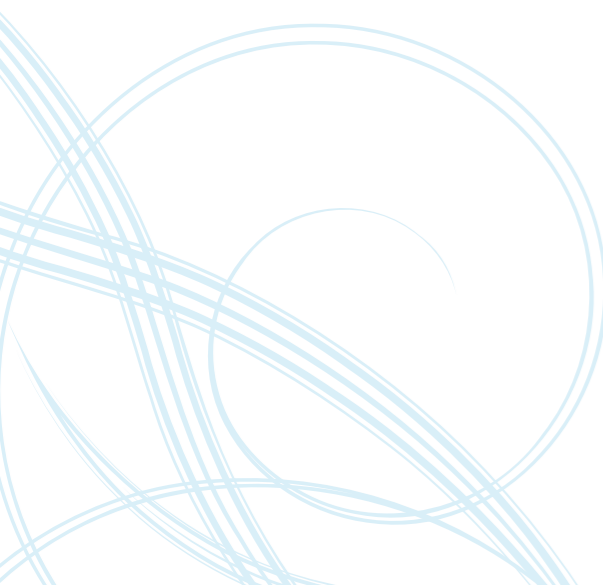


ELECTIVE COURSES

Electives Include

- International Advocacy, Development and the UN
- Refugees and Forced Migration
- Community Education Strategies
- International Protection Tools for Refugees and IDPs
- Working with Aboriginal People
- Social Development Program Internship
- International Social Development Project
- Community Development Project
- Refugee and Forced Migration Project
- Professional Practice Research Project

Note: Students may take relevant elective courses from other areas with approval.



KEY TEACHING STAFF

Dr Eileen Pittaway, Dr Linda Bartolomei, Prof Richard Hugman, Dr Francesca Panzironi, Dr Chris Walker, A/Prof Sue Green, Rebecca Eckert, Geraldine Doney, Emma Pittaway, Eferterpy Mitchell, Kim Spurway.

TEACHING CITATION

In 2010 the Centre for Refugee Research was awarded an Australian Teaching and Learning Citation Award for their outstanding contributions to student learning for their innovative internship program *"for internships which change lives: producing reciprocal benefits between refugees, United Nations agencies and students, and exceptional learning leading to major social change."* Master of Social Development students have the opportunity to include this internship in their program.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A recognised Bachelor degree in a relevant area with a credit average
- At least one years experience in a related field, either as a paid worker or a volunteer

A Curriculum Vitae and a letter providing details of experience and reasons for applying must be submitted with your application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Program Code 8939

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

Location UNSW Kensington Campus

Commencement Semester 2, 2011 (July) Semester 1, 2012 (March) or 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 (*limited places available*)

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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