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Group**Course****Offerings****Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates**

Group	Course	Offerings
Development Studies	Master of Development Studies (MDS)	• Murdoch campus (internal)

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (MDS)

Global Studies

Master of Development Studies (MDS)

Course Codes: M1195

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

Duration: 2 years full-time or part-time equivalent

Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal)

The Master of Development Studies (MDS) is a practical professional degree focussing on the challenges of social, economic, and political development and poverty alleviation. Aimed at students from the developing world and those wanting to work in international development assistance, the MDS concentrates on the nexus of development, politics and governance, social and environmental sustainability, food and health security, international assistance, conflict management, gender relations and other significant issues impacting development.

Employment Prospects:

Suitable for those seeking a career in any aspect of international development, in the public, private or not-for-profit sectors. Students will acquire the knowledge, skills and expertise necessary for careers in international development in a broad range of settings such as regional and international organisations, government agencies, private firms, and non-government organisations involved in development.

Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Admission to the Master degree is available to students who have a Bachelor's degree in any area.

Advanced Standing:

A student's advanced standing is assessed at the time of application, taking into account level of higher study and/or professional experience.

Up to 12 points (0.5 year) of advanced standing is available to students with:

- * A Bachelor degree with a major in a cognate discipline to the Masters course
- * Or, a Bachelor degree in an unrelated discipline and a Graduate Certificate or Diploma in a cognate discipline to the Masters course
- * Or, an Honours degree or equivalent in an unrelated discipline
- * Or, a Bachelor degree in an unrelated discipline and two years of relevant, documented professional experience.

Up to 24 points (1 year) of advanced standing is available to students with:

- * An Honours degree or equivalent in a cognate discipline to the Masters course
- * Or, an Honours degree or equivalent in an unrelated discipline and at least two years of relevant documented professional experience.

Course Structure - 48 credit points

Core Units - 15 to 24 credit points

Theory - 12 credit points

SWM611 States, Social Forces and Development - 6 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

SWM511 Critical Approaches to Development - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

SWM628 Development and Sustainability - 3 points

MURDOCH: W-internal

Capstone Experience - 3 to 12 credit points

Select from the following options:

EITHER

SWM618 Social Science Research Design - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

AND

SWM617 Supervised Research Thesis - 6 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal

OR

SWM618 Social Science Research Design - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

AND

SWM6171 Supervised Research Thesis - 9 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal

This 12,000-15,000 word thesis can only be taken with the approval of the Academic Chair.

OR

SWM619 Research Internship - 6 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal

Students may wish to use this unit (SWM619) to undertake In-Country Studies Indonesia - a 6 point program run during the summer period by ACICIS. Students interested in this option should consult the Capstone Coordinator for application and enrolment information.

Students undertaking extended internship of 12 weeks/500 hours for 12 points should enrol in SWM619 Research Internship and

SWM6191 Internship Professional Placement - 6 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

OR

SWM620 Supervised Case Study Project - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal, W-internal

Specified Electives - 24 to 33 credit points

Select from the following lists:

Professional

SWM532 Financial Administration and Budgeting - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

MBS684 Managing Strategic Risk and Projects - 6 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external, SUM-internal, SUM-external

MBS685 Project Management - 3 points

MBS687 Effective Leadership - 3 points
Not available this year

MBS555 Human Resource Management Perspectives - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

MBS651 Leading and Managing Nonprofit Organisations - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SWM621 Ethics and Global Justice - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal

SWM519 Strategic Health Leadership and Management - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

TLC501 Communication Skills for Postgraduate Study - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal

MBS589 Social Enterprise, Social Innovation And Profit For Purpose - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

Policy

SWM613 Public Policy Perspectives - 6 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal

SWM612 Global Governance, Security and Economy - 6 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal

SWM645 Public Sector Economics - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal

SWM635 Security, Conflict and Violence - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal

SWM514 Global Public Health - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SWM515 Public Sector Management - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

ENV616 Environmental Policy for the 21st Century - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal (quota of 40 places), S1-external (quota of 10 places)

SWM516 Policy Research and Evaluation - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

BIO681 Challenges in Food Security - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SWM646 Parliamentary Democracy - 3 points
Not available this year

SWM517 Health Policy and Governance - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SWM518 Health Economics and Finance - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal (quota of 150 places), S1-external, S2-internal (quota of 150 places), S2-external

SWM647 Cultural and Communications Policy - 3 points
Not available this year

SWM648 Corruption, Anti-corruption and its Discontents - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal

SWM651 Comparative Governance and Public Administration - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SWM652 Private Sector and Development - 3 points
Not available this year

Language

Students may take up to two language units in either Indonesian or Japanese. Placement in language units is at the discretion of the Academic Chair, following an assessment of the student's language skills. There may be restrictions for students completing the Masters in 24 points. Please refer to the Handbook for available units in Indonesian or Japanese.

PREREQUISITES

Challenges in Food Security (BIO681)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Communication Skills for Postgraduate Study (TLC501)
Nil.

Comparative Governance and Public Administration (SWM651)

Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Corruption, Anti-corruption and its Discontents (SWM648)
Nil.

Critical Approaches to Development (SWM511)
Enrolment in Graduate Certificate in Policy and Development, Master of Development Studies, Master of Health Administration, Policy and Leadership, Master of Health Policy and Leadership, Master of International Affairs and Security, Master of International Affairs or Master of Public Policy and Management or Master of Community Development.

Cultural and Communications Policy (SWM647)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Development and Sustainability (SWM628)
Enrolment in Master of Business Administration (Global) or Master of Business Administration Professional Practice or Master of Community Development or Master of Development Studies or Master of Food Security or Master of Health Administration, Policy and Leadership or Master of International Affairs and Security or Master of Public Policy and Management or Master of Veterinary Studies (Conservation Medicine) or Master of Wildlife Health and Conservation

Effective Leadership (MBS687)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Environmental Policy for the 21st Century (ENV616)
Enrolment in Master-level qualification or Graduate Diploma in Energy and the Environment.

Ethics and Global Justice (SWM621)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Financial Administration and Budgeting (SWM532)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Global Governance, Security and Economy (SWM612)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Global Public Health (SWM514)
Enrolment in a graduate level course

Health Economics and Finance (SWM518)
Enrolment in a graduate-level award.

Health Policy and Governance (SWM517)
Enrolment in a graduate-level award.

Human Resource Management Perspectives (MBS555)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Internship Professional Placement (SWM6191)
Enrolment in the Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Development Studies, Master of International Affairs and Security, Master of International Affairs, Master of Health Policy and Leadership or Master of Health Administration, Policy and Leadership; completion of at least 24 credit points; concurrent enrolment in SWM619 Research Internship.

Leading and Managing Nonprofit Organisations (MBS651)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Managing Strategic Risk and Projects (MBS684)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Parliamentary Democracy (SWM646)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Policy Research and Evaluation (SWM516)
Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Private Sector and Development (SWM652)
Enrolment in a graduate level course

Project Management (MBS685)

Enrolment in a post-graduate-level course.

Public Policy Perspectives (SWM613)

Enrolment in postgraduate degree program.

Public Sector Economics (SWM645)

Enrolment in a graduate level award.

Public Sector Management (SWM515)

Enrolment a graduate-level course.

Research Internship (SWM619)

Enrolment in the Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Development Studies, Master of International Affairs, Master of International Affairs and Security, Master of Health Administration, Policy and Leadership or Master of Health Policy and Leadership Affairs; completion of at least 24 credit points; and minimum GPA of 2.00.

Security, Conflict and Violence (SWM635)

Enrolment in Master of International Affairs, Master of International Affairs and Security, Master of Development Studies, or Master of Public Policy and Management.

Social Enterprise, Social Innovation And Profit For Purpose (MBS589)

Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Social Science Research Design (SWM618)

Enrolment in the Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Development Studies, Master of International Affairs and Security, Master of Health Administration, Policy and Leadership or Master of Health Policy and Leadership. Completion of at least 24 credit points with 70+ grade average

States, Social Forces and Development (SWM611)

Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

Strategic Health Leadership and Management (SWM519)

Enrolment in a graduate-level award.

Supervised Case Study Project (SWM620)

Enrolment in the Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Development Studies, Master of International Affairs, Master of International Affairs and Security, Master of Health Administration, Policy and Leadership or Master of Health Policy and Leadership Affairs; completion of at least 24 credit points.

Supervised Research Thesis (SWM617)

Enrolment in the Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Development Studies, Master of Health Policy and Leadership or Master of International Affairs; completion of at least 24 credit points (except in cases of Advanced Standing). Students are required to have at least a Distinction grade average in their Masters coursework units, and to have the permission of the School Dean with approval of the proposed thesis topic.

Co-requisite: SWM618 Social Science Research Design

Supervised Research Thesis (SWM6171)

Enrolment in the Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Development Studies, Master of Health Policy and Leadership or Master of International Affairs; completion of at least 24 credit points (except in cases of Advanced Standing). Students are required to have at least a Distinction grade average in their Masters coursework units, and to have the permission of the School Dean with approval of the proposed thesis topic.

Co-requisite: SWM618 Social Science Research Design.