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Group	Course	Offerings
<b>Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates</b>		
Community Development	Master of Community Development (MCommDev)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murdoch campus (internal)</li> <li>• Murdoch campus (external)</li> </ul>

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### MASTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (MCOMMDEV)

#### Global Studies

Master of Community Development (MCommDev)

Course Codes: M1212

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

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

#### Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal) Murdoch campus (external)

People involved with government, neighbourhood groups, social action, overseas aid, schools, local councils, sustainability, Indigenous groups, social services, the arts, business and tourism are all talking about community development as a new way of doing things. The Master of Community Development provides you with an understanding of the practice of community development, the broad range of settings in which it is carried out, social research methods and social policy forces that impact on practice. It also involves students undertaking an original, substantive investigation of a community development issue under the supervision of a Murdoch University staff member.

This course requires students to undertake work-based training through a compulsory work-based placement as part of their studies.

#### Employment Prospects:

This course will enhance practitioners' qualifications and open opportunities for those interested in undertaking social research in settings such as community and social services, local government, overseas aid work, economic and social planning, sustainable development and Indigenous governance.

#### Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Recognised Bachelor's degree or higher, or equivalent training, though not necessarily in an area directly related to the course, or satisfactory preparation through previous study or professional experience.

#### Special Requirements:

There may be a reduction in choice of units if completing this course in the external mode.

#### Main Research Areas:

Social Policy, Community Studies, Sociology.

#### Nested Awards:

Students can opt out of the Masters and exit with the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Community Development subject to satisfying the course requirements.

#### Course Structure - 48 credit points

University regulations require completion of a minimum of 24 points at 600-level and a maximum of 24 points at 500-level for a 48-point Masters by Coursework degree.

#### Core Units - 30 to 36 credit points

COD545 Community Development Theory and Practice - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

COD505 Community, Industry and Local Government - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

COD504 Community, Policy and Change - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

COD502 Community Development in Indigenous Communities - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

COD601 Community Development Methods - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

SUS512 Sustainability, Ecology and Communities - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

COD608 Community Development Internship - 6 points  
MURDOCH: H-internal, H-external, Y-internal, Y-external

Select either:

ART610 Masters by Coursework Research Dissertation - 12 points  
MURDOCH: H-internal, H-external, S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external, Y-internal, Y-external

OR

ART6401 Masters by Coursework Research Project - 6 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external, SUM-internal, SUM-external

#### Specified Electives - 12 to 18 credit points

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

SUS611 Resilient Regions: People and Practice - 3 points  
<span data-type="offering" data-unit="SUS611">MURDOCH: SUM-internal (quota of 120 places), SUM-external</span>

AST650 Culture, Communities and Sustainability in Asia - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

SUS523 Cities and Sustainability - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external

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

MBS685 Project Management - 3 points

SWM628 Development and Sustainability - 3 points  
MURDOCH: WSP3-internal

AST558 Gender in Asian Societies - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

EDN546 Dynamics of Cultural Diversity in the Workplace and the Community - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

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

GRD503 Design Thinking Tools - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal

GRD508 Innovation Development - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal

MBS589 Social Enterprise, Social Innovation And Profit For Purpose - 3 points

## PREREQUISITES

#### Cities and Sustainability (SUS523)

Enrolment in an Honours or Graduate-level course.

#### Communication Skills for Postgraduate Study (TLC501)

Nil.

#### Community Development Internship (COD608)

COD545 Community Development Theory and Practice

#### Community Development Methods (COD601)

Nil.

#### Community Development Theory and Practice (COD545)

Enrolment in a Graduate course.

**Community Development in Indigenous Communities (COD502)**

Nil.

**Community, Industry and Local Government (COD505)**

Enrolment in graduate course of study.

**Community, Policy and Change (COD504)**

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.

**Culture, Communities and Sustainability in Asia (AST650)**

Enrolment in a graduate-level (AQF level 8 or AQF level 9) course.

**Design Thinking Tools (GRD503)**

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

**Dynamics of Cultural Diversity in the Workplace and the Community (EDN546)**

Enrolment in a Graduate qualification or permission of the Unit Coordinator

**Gender in Asian Societies (AST558)**

Enrolment in a graduate-level (AQF level 8 or AQF level 9) course or permission of the Unit Coordinator.

**Innovation Development (GRD508)**

Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

**Leading and Managing Nonprofit Organisations (MBS651)**

Enrolment in a graduate-level course. To enrol into the unit, student would need to have completed 9 credit points.

**Masters by Coursework Research Dissertation (ART610)**

A Distinction average in coursework and approval of the Academic Chair.

**Project Management (MBS685)**

Enrolment in a post-graduate-level course.

**Resilient Regions: People and Practice (SUS611)**

Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

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

Enrolment in a graduate-level course.

**Sustainability, Ecology and Communities (SUS512)**

Enrolment in an Honours or Graduate-level course.