

DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE - 2018

The Development Practice program addresses key topics in the world: the political economy of development, gender, health, environment, climate change impact, food security, and methods for gauging social impacts of change on communities and regions. The courses bring together aspects of community level development, urban, regional and social planning, and political analysis from local to global levels. The program teaches you to deal with the challenges faced by development practitioners across multiple levels and scales in both developed and developing countries.

Included within the Development Practice suite are the Graduate Certificate, and Master (24 and 32 units) programs. The program offers a unique, multidisciplinary approach to advancing the knowledge and skills of students who seek to obtain a better understanding of the challenges of development in the contemporary context. Taught and supervised by scholars engaged in the field through research and practice, the program creates teaching approaches that are both inspiring and informative. Whilst equipping students with analytical and technical skills for development work, teaching staff are intent on providing a learning space for students to 'discover' their practice. This requires deeply reflective capabilities to understand personal qualities as practitioners within the context of contemporary development practice.

Students in the Graduate Certificate must complete 8 units from the DevPract course list comprising:

4 units for Part B; and
4 units from Part A or Part C.

Students in the Master (24) must complete 24 units from the DevPract course list comprising:

8 units for Part B; and
8 units from Part C (which may include 8 units for a field); and
2 units to 8 units from Part D including a maximum of 4 units of Research Methods courses; and
the balance from Part C which may include up to 4 units of courses approved by the Program Convenor.

Students in the Master (32) must complete 32 units from the DevPract course list comprising:

8 units from Part A; and
8 units from Part B; and
8 units from Part C (which may include 8 units for a field); and
2 units to 8 units from Part D, including a maximum of 4 units of Research Methods courses; and
the balance from Part C which may include up to 4 units of courses approved by the Program Convenor.

There are four specialisations within the Development Practice suite of programs (Part C). These are:

Community Development

This field is focused on developing fundamental skills and methodologies that a professional worker requires to work face-to-face with communities.

Development Planning

This field is oriented towards planning practitioners in developing countries who wish to upgrade their qualifications to include the most recent advancements in the concepts, philosophies, theories and techniques in urban, regional and environmental planning.

Politics of Global Development

This field is concerned with the relationship between governance and development. The increasing emphasis on democracy and 'good governance' in international development practice make this relationship central to the development agenda.

Social and Cultural Dynamics of Development

This field of study provides students with the skills and knowledge required for a career in social planning and development. The courses in this concentration area are guided by the logic and coherence of a project cycle within which students learn how to plan, design and appraise projects; conduct needs assessments; develop project proposals; assess social impacts; and engage in public consultations.

Please see over the page for the list of courses within the program.

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Each course is worth #2 (2 units) unless noted otherwise

Part A

PLAN7120	Planning Theory
POLS7258	Foundations in International Relations
SOCY7120	Introduction to Development: Theories and Practice
SOSC7288	Community Development: Local and International Practices

Part B

PLAN7612	Development Planning in Developing Countries: Theory & Practice
POLS7302	Politics of Development
SOSC7140	Development Effectiveness: Interdisciplinary and Critical Perspectives
SOSC7093	Community Development Method & Analysis

Part C

Social & Cultural Dynamics Development

ANTH7160	Gender and Development Practice
ANTH7250	Medical Anthropology: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Health and Development
ANTH7260	Applied Anthropology and Indigenous Territories
SOCY7130	Social Impact Assessment: applied social research and development

Community Development

SOSC7113	Learning and Mobilising for Community Development
SOSC7123	Community Planning, Engagement and Governance
SOSC7133	Community Cultural Development
SOSC7433	Community Economic Development: Local and International

Politics of Global Development

POLS7107	Globalisation, International Political Economy and Development
POLS7190	Indigenous Politics within and beyond the state
POLS7306	International Crisis Management
POLS7502	Conflict Resolution
POLS7505	Peacebuilding
POLS7509	Gender and the Global Politics of Development
POLS7510	Culture, Conflict and Reconciliation

Development Planning

ENVM7202	Resource Management & Environmental Planning
GEOG7000	Applied Demography
PLAN7116	Transport Planning
PLAN7121	Community Planning & Participation
PLAN7124	Strategic Metropolitan Planning
PLAN7200	International Field Course: Understanding Development Complexities
PLAN7614	Urban Management & Governance in Developing Countries

or up to #4 units approved by the Program Director.

Part D

Research Methods

#2 to #4 from -	
PLAN7113	Urban Research & Evaluation Techniques
POLS7701	Research Methods
SOCY7329	Advanced Issues in Qualitative Inquiry
SOCY7339	Introducing Quantitative Research

Thesis

and up to #6 units from -	
SOSC7100	Development Practice Thesis (#6)
SOSC7101	Development Practice Thesis Part B (#6)

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The course list, along with program rules and requirements for Development Practice can be accessed via Programs and Courses: my.uq.edu.au/programs-courses.