The internship is an important phase for the M.A. International Social Sciences students, in which they combine their theoretical academic knowledge with practical experiences. During internships, students begin to develop and modify their skills required for the degree. Moreover, they get an overall perspective of their future course of action and goals.

What students say:

“During my internship at the community Health and Development Organization (CHAD) in Myitkyina, Kachin State, Myanmar, I performed tasks such as preparing lesson plans and conducting awareness trainings, recording data for the annual and quarterly plans, attended meetings and workshops with UNICEF, visited camps for internally displaced persons.”
Dawn Lu San, Student from Myanmar

“The institute where I did my internship is the ‘Regional Institute of Gender, Diversity, Peace and Rights’ (RIG/DPR), which is part of Ahfad University for Women in Sudan. The students I interacted with were brilliant and interesting women, having the same kind, welcoming spirit of the people I met during my time in Khartoum.”
Arlyn Aviles, Student from Puerto Rico

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The M.A. in International Social Sciences is a non-consecutive study programme over 4 semesters offered in the English Language. The course is state-recognized and fully certified with a “more research-oriented accreditation”.

**Admission Requirements**
- Bachelor Degree in Social Science or related/equivalent fields
- An English Language Proficiency: Proficiency Test (e.g. TOEFL) or a Bachelor Degree taught in English

**Time Frame**
- 4 semesters (120 credit points)
- Intake possibility in winter semester and summer semester

**Professional Training**
- Two-month internship
- Project Planning (Excursion to an Eastern European Country)
- Fieldtrips and Workshops

**Why choose this program?**

The M.A. in International Social Sciences has a specific focus on development studies and issues around global justice. Students learn about relevant theories as well as the practical realities of the development/aid industry.

Everyone is required to do an internship and can specialize their interest through relevant electives on topics such as migration, social security, sustainability and gender.

The M.A. prepares thoroughly for an academic career in development as the writing of the Master Thesis is not only accompanied closely through the supervisors, but is also enhanced by methodological training.

The study programme also prepares for a practical career in development through its emphasis on project planning courses and a focus on disaster management and a critical lens on global power relations and post-colonial perspective.

Being highly cosmopolitan with students from all over the world, its specific worth lies in the opportunity to assess international issues through a literally global perspective stemming from the diversity of the student body.

**Content**
- Theories of Development
- Development Industry and Legacy
- Development Economics
- Poverty Analysis and Social Protection
- Public Health in Developing Countries
- Peace and Conflict Research
- Methods of Empirical Social Research (qualitative and quantitative)
- Planning, Management and Evaluation of Development Projects
- Disaster Management and Response and Humanitarian Aid
- Sustainability, De-growth and Resource Politics
- Globalization and Global Governance
- Migration and Theories of Development
- Gender and Social Development
- Land Use, Land Rights and Development
- Comparative Religion and Development Politics
- Academic writing and Rhetoric and Presentation Skills
- Internship in the Field of Development Cooperation or Humanitarian Aid
- Research-Oriented Master Thesis