Professional Training

The program includes workshops and a project planning module with a fieldtrip to an Eastern European country.

An important part of the study program is a two-month internship, in which students combine their theoretical academic knowledge with practical experiences.

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 and 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. International Social Sciences (Development Studies) is a study program over 4 semesters. It is offered in the English language and includes 120 credits.

Admission Requirements
• Bachelor degree in social science or related fields
• English proficiency test (e.g. TOEFL) or a Bachelor degree taught in English

Why choose this program?
The M.A. 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 sector and humanitarian aid.

Students are required to do an internship and can specialize their interest through relevant electives on topics such as migration, sustainability and gender.

The M.A. prepares for an academic career. The program includes methodological training and the academic writing of the students is closely supervised.

The study program also prepares for a practical career in development through its emphasis on project planning, a focus on disaster management and a critical lens on global power relations.

Being highly cosmopolitan with students from all over the world, the program offers 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)
• Academic Writing and Rhetoric and Presentation Skills
• Planning, Management and Evaluation of Development Projects
• Disaster Management and Response
• Sustainability, De-growth and Resource Politics
• Globalization and Global Governance
• Migration and Development
• Gender and Development
• Land Use, Land Rights and Development
• Religion and Development
• Internship
• Research-Oriented Master Thesis