



University of Cape Town

The DEVELOPMENT STUDIES Programme

The University of Cape Town's Development Studies Programme prepares postgraduate students for entry into the professional development community. This community straddles many spheres including community and other non-governmental organisations, research organisations, agencies at various levels of government, media organisations and possibly corporate social responsibility offices. It is envisaged that MPhil (Development Studies) graduates will eventually take leading positions in this community; developing and disseminating knowledge about those sectors of society worst affected by socio-economic inequity, and devising strategies for them to gain access to resources and grow their capacity to optimise these resources.

The Development Studies Programme exposes students to current theoretical trends and it immerses them in the practicalities of development work. The MPhil has at its core an internship where students are expected to apply themselves in a relevant development agency.

Degrees offered

Two degrees are offered, namely the Hons (Development Studies) and the MPhil (Development Studies).

The Honours degree should not take more than an academic year to complete. Master's students typically take more than a year; the expectation being that they complete the degree within 18-24 months.

Courses

The Honours degree comprises taught courses (with a combined total of 96 NQF credits) and a research essay of up to 15,000 words.

Three of the taught courses (with a combined total of 36 credits) are compulsory and the remaining courses (with a combined total of 60 credits) are electives. The research essay is weighted at 20% of the final result.

The Master's degree comprises taught courses and a dissertation (25,000-word limit). Three of the taught courses are compulsory (with a combined total of 36 credits) and the remaining courses are electives (with a combined total of 60 credits). The coursework component is weighted at 50% and the dissertation at 50% of the final result.

See the syllabus at the end of this brochure for more details. Please note that most SOC courses run for 6 weeks and have a credit count of 12 NQF credits.

Administration

The Development Studies Programme is administered within UCT's Department of Sociology.

A Programme Committee has advisory oversight of the curriculum. The Committee's members currently are based in the Departments of Environmental & Geographical Science, Political Studies, Social Anthropology and Sociology.

The Graduate School in Humanities handles general administrative matters. The Graduate School annually compiles the authoritative 'Student Handbook' which should be consulted for detailed rules and opportunities.

Admission Requirements

Admission as an Honours student

Graduates of any majors or programmes within the social sciences will be considered for admission if they have maintained an average of at least 68% for their major subjects during their final undergraduate year. This does not guarantee entry into the Honours Programme.

Students may be admitted from other programmes or degrees at the discretion of the Programme Convenor.

An applicant – whether or not s/he is a UCT graduate – may be invited to attend an interview.

In addition to completing UCT's Application form, applicants who are not UCT graduates should submit a letter of motivation and their *curriculum vitae* with their academic transcripts. Applicants from outside South Africa's borders should also submit a sample of their academic writing (a recent essay or report) and proof of having met UCT's language requirements.

Progressing from Honours to Master's

Admission to the Honours does not imply automatic admission to the MPhil. The following admission requirements must be met.

Admission as a Master's student

Applicants must have achieved an overall average result of not less than 68% for their course work and a mark of 68% for the SOC4000H Research Project in the Honours (Development Studies) degree.

Graduates with good academic results from other Honours or four-year degree programmes may be considered for admission.

An applicant – whether or not s/he is a UCT graduate – may be invited to attend an interview.

Applicants who are not UCT graduates should submit their academic transcripts, a letter of motivation, their *curriculum vitae*, and the names and university contact details of two academic referees. Applicants from outside South Africa's borders should also submit a sample of their academic writing (a recent essay or report) and proof of having met UCT's language requirements.

Admission may be made conditional upon the completion of preliminary or additional courses.

Admission is at the discretion of the Programme Convenor and the Head of the Department of Sociology.

Financial Support

The Programme does not award its own scholarships, nor does it recruit graduate assistants or provide any direct financial support. Prospective students may wish to apply for financial assistance through UCT's Postgraduate Funding Office.

See the Postgraduate Funding Office's webpage for more information:
<http://www.uct.ac.za/apply/funding/postgraduate/applications/>

Contact Addresses

Development Studies Programme inquiries	gina-mari.fourie@uct.ac.za
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International Academic Programmes Office	int-iapo@uct.ac.za
Postgraduate Funding Office:	pgfunding@uct.ac.za
Fees Office	fnd-feeeng@uct.ac.za

Calculating Tuition Fees

There is a separate fee for every course, and students who are not citizens of a SADC country are charged an additional International Term Fee.

Please consult the latest Fees Handbook at www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees

The Application Process

Please submit an online application: <http://applyonline.uct.ac.za>.

Only submit a hardcopy application form if you do not have Internet Access and are not currently a UCT student.

If you need assistance in completing and submitting your application, please contact the UCT Admissions Office at +27 21 650 2128 or admissions@uct.ac.za

The application

When completing your application, be sure to enter the correct degree and academic plan codes.

The degree and academic plan codes for Development Studies are:

BSocSc Honours – HH001	HH001SOC05
BA Honours – HH003	HH003SOC05
MPhil – HM041	HM041SOC05

Application deadlines

The Faculty of Humanities' Graduate School expects applications for admission in the following year to be submitted by the end of September.

Acceptances for the Development Studies programme may be given to a limited number of applicants who apply well before these deadlines.

Late applications may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Important request:

Please apply between April and September for admission the following year.
Please accept our offer of a place by the end of November.

The DEVELOPMENT STUDIES Syllabus

	Honours	Master's
	<p>Graduates of any majors or programmes within the social sciences will normally be considered for admission as long as they have maintained an average of at least 65% (but usually 68%) for their major subject during their final undergraduate year.</p> <p>Students may be admitted from other programmes or degrees at the discretion of the programme convenor.</p> <p>Depending on a student's background, additional or alternative courses may be indicated.</p>	<p>Graduates with good academic results for Honours or other four-year degrees may be considered for admission.</p> <p>Students admitted without having done the UCT Honours in Development Studies are expected to already have the equivalent of - or take up as an elective course – Honours Social Research Methods</p> <p>Depending on a student's background, additional or alternative courses may be indicated.</p>
Compulsory	<p>All of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SOC4028F (12 credits) Social Theory ▪ SOC4013F (12 credits) Social Research Methods: Quantitative ▪ SOC4015F (12 credits) Social Research Methods: Qualitative ▪ SOC4000H Research Essay (the departmental code – i.e. SOC – will depend on the supervisor) 	<p>All of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SOC5007F (12 credits) Economic & Social Change ▪ SOC5030F (12 credits) In-depth Interviewing and Analysis ▪ SOC5052F (12 credits) Survey Data Analysis* (*Please note that you may be required to complete SOC4013F or an equivalent before proceeding to SOC5052F) ▪ SOC5032W Dissertation (the departmental code – i.e. SOC – will depend on the supervisor)
Elective courses	<p>At least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SOC4003S (12 credits) Labour Regulation 	<p>At least one of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SOC5024S (24 credits) Development Theory & Practice

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