

## Entry requirements

### Academic requirements

A first (Bachelor's or equivalent) university degree in a social science, gained at the end of a three-year programme of study, with an overall average mark of, or equivalent to, 2.5 on the German marking scale, or among the best 50% of your cohort. A solid background in methods is required. Graduates from other disciplines are eligible if they have studied social sciences as a secondary/minor subject.

### Language requirements

If English is not your first language or the language of instruction for your first degree, you will need to prove that you have adequate English skills at level B2 CEFR by means of a recognised language certificate.

You should also have basic knowledge of German (level A1 CEFR) to help you in your everyday life. If you do not have basic knowledge of German, you will be able to take a free language course either before the start or within the first two semesters of the programme.

### Deadline for applications

To be considered, your application must reach us by 30 June.

### Scholarships

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has a database of scholarships for international students coming to Germany: [www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en](http://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en)

## Further information and contact details

### Programme page on the web

[www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies)

### Development Studies office staff

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### Academic Advice Service

Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements

E-mail: [advice@uni-passau.de](mailto:advice@uni-passau.de)

[www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice)

### International Office

Assists international students with the immigration formalities and with getting settled in Passau

[www.uni-passau.de/en/international](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/international)

### Student Registration Office

Contact for enquiries related to your application

[www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office)

### Language Centre

A wide range of foreign language and German courses

[www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en)

### iStudi Coach for int'l students

Contact for internships and career opportunities

[www.uni-passau.de/en/iStudi](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/iStudi)

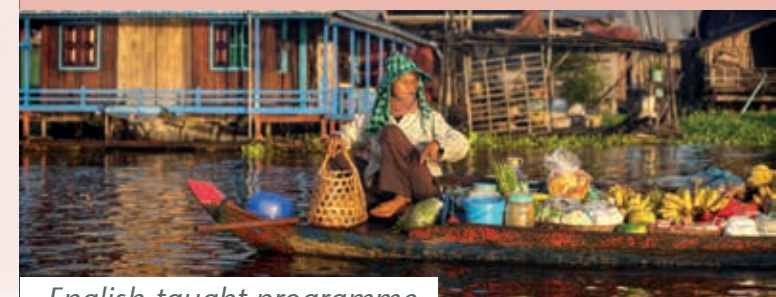
### Centre for Careers and Competencies

Helps students seeking internships or career entry positions and offers transferable skills courses

[www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk](http://www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk)



## Master of Arts in Development Studies



English-taught programme



## About the programme

The M.A. Development Studies programme enables students to develop the advanced knowledge, analytical skills, and conceptual frameworks required to understand and navigate the complexities of economic and social development.

Students enrolled in the programme gain insights into the economic, social, ethical, and cultural contexts and constraints of development. The programme provides outstanding opportunities to put theory into practice through international field research, with a strong focus on integrating quantitative and qualitative methods.

The programme addresses the worldwide need for experts in the expanding field of development research as well as for project managers in international development cooperation.

### Who should study this degree programme?

This programme is particularly suitable for students with a first degree in social science and mid-career professionals in any development-related field. Qualified students from developing and emerging countries are particularly welcome.

## Programme features

- Programme entirely taught in English
- Strong focus on quantitative and qualitative methods
- Field research opportunities
- A unique selection of language courses

Programme	Development Studies
Degree awarded	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Duration and credits	4 semesters; 120 ECTS credits
Starts in	October
Language of instruction	English



## Career prospects

Graduates have a wide range of potential career paths within the development field, such as:

- programme managers for local and international development organisations, including government agencies, non-governmental organisations and community groups
- policymakers at bilateral and multilateral organisations, such as GIZ, the World Bank and the United Nations, as well as for civil society advocacy groups
- as researchers and doctoral students, taking the academic career path

## The University of Passau

Since opening its doors to the public in 1978, the University of Passau has quickly developed into a first address in German academia: the University regularly attains top positions in academic rankings, e.g. in Law, Business and Economics, Computer Science, Communication Studies, Political Science and Cultural Studies.

The University's modern campus is located in the south-eastern part of Bavaria – Germany's high-technology state – in verdant surroundings, a few minutes' walk from the historic Old Town of Passau.

Passau is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful cities in Germany and offers an excellent standard of living while being close to the Alps and the Bavarian Forest as well as the major metropolitan centres of Prague, Munich and Vienna.

## Programme syllabus

### 1st semester (30 ECTS credits)

- Methods and theories of Development Studies
- Interdisciplinary seminar
- Qualitative and quantitative research methods

### 2nd and 3rd semesters (65 ECTS credits)

- Qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Research seminar
- Elective modules (e.g. sociology, economics, sustainability of resources, political science, Southeast Asian studies)
- Languages and additional study skills courses

### 4th semester (25 ECTS credits)

- Field research
- Master's thesis

A research colloquium with internationally renowned guest speakers is offered each semester.

### Specialisations

If desired, students can choose a specialisation in:

- Development Economics or
- Southeast Asian Studies

