

Master of Arts in Development Studies

Information about the degree programme

Please note that new subject-specific study and examination regulations (*FStuPO*) will come into force in winter semester 2019/20 for the degree programme M.A. Development Studies. These are currently pending approval by the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts.

Among other things, this entails changes in the admission requirements, which will already be in effect for the application round for winter semester 2019/20 starting in April 2019. Specifically, any past achievements and qualifications gained in *Wirtschaftswissenschaften* (business and economics programmes) must be derived specifically from economics (*Volkswirtschaftslehre*) modules.

Further information on this degree programme:
www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies

Programme description	<p>This programme addresses the worldwide need for experts in the expanding field of development research as well as for project managers in international development cooperation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The M.A. Development Studies enables students to develop the advanced knowledge, analytical skills, and conceptual frameworks required to understand and navigate the complexities of economic and social development.</p>
Programme start	October (winter semester)
Language of instruction	This degree programme is taught entirely in English.
Programme duration and credit points	Standard duration: four semesters' full-time study, not counting semesters out. Maximum duration: six semesters. The programme carries a total workload of 120 ECTS credits.
Degree awarded	Master of Arts (M.A.)
How to apply	<p>Different application procedures apply, depending on your background and qualifications. Visit www.uni-passau.de/en/apply for a detailed description of the application process and the documents you need to enclose.</p> <p>The application deadline for the programme, which commences in the winter semester (October) every year, is 30 June. We regret that we are unable to process any applications reaching us after this date. When submitting your application, please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your chronological curriculum vitae • The degree certificate and final transcript for your first degree, obtained at the end of a degree programme with a minimum standard duration of three years' full-time study (e.g. a bachelor's, Magister, 'Diplom', state examination or equivalent degree) in social sciences, i.e. economics (including as part of a joint business and economics degree), anthropology, demography, empirical social or human geography, sociology, political science, administrative science or any other equivalent degree with a minimum of 60 ECTS credits in one or several of these disciplines. Of these, 10 ECTS credits must come from empirical research methods, such as data collection and survey design, rigorous qualitative or quantitative data analysis, mathematics or statistics. A general course in research methods is not enough and does not count in this case. The final grade for your undergraduate degree should be equivalent to 2.5 or better according to the German marking scale or ranked among the best 50% of your cohort. • Unless English is your first language or the language of instruction for your undergraduate studies or secondary school education, you will need to prove that you have adequate English skills at level B2 CEFR or higher by means of a recognised language certificate. <p>Applicants should also have basic knowledge of German (level A1) to make sure that they can organise their everyday life. Applicants who do not yet have a basic knowledge of German are offered the possibility to take a language class either before the start of the programme or within the first two semesters.</p> <p>If you are unable to provide your degree certificate and final transcript for your first degree at the time of application, e.g. because it has not been issued yet, you may</p>

send us a preliminary academic record/transcript (of records) instead. This should show the modules and assessments completed as well as the marks/grades/results achieved and comply with the above requirement regarding the minimum average mark. If you apply using your transcript instead of the final certificates, you will be offered a place on condition that you submit your final certificates to the Student Registration Office by no later than the 10th week of lectures in the first semester of your degree programme at the University of Passau.

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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, community groups and multinational firms. Possible career prospects are also as policy makers for bilateral and multilateral agencies, such as GIZ, the World Bank and the United Nations, as well as working for civil society advocacy groups or as researchers and doctoral students, leading to an academic career.

Coursework

This degree programme comprises a minimum of 120 ECTS credits, allotted as follows: 25 ECTS credits for the Master's thesis including field research; the taught modules amount to 95 ECTS credits.

Modules and examinations

The degree programme is comprised of four module groups – Foundation Modules, Research Methods, Specialisation and Study Skills – and a thesis. The modules are explained in detail in the appendix. A list with all modules on offer can be downloaded from the programme webpage below.
www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies

Master's thesis

Your thesis should demonstrate your ability to independently carry out academic research by applying scientific methods to a clearly defined subject matter. You will write your thesis in English.

Prior to commencing the thesis, you will have to accumulate a minimum of 80 ECTS credits in this degree programme.

You will be given four months to write the thesis, which should have a maximum length of 15,000 words.

You will be awarded 25 ECTS credits for receiving a pass mark on your thesis.

Attaining a pass mark

In order to complete the programme successfully, you have to attain a pass mark in all examination modules, receive a minimum mark of 4.0 on your thesis, and accumulate at least 120 ECTS credits.

Examinations and credit transfers

The Examinations Office (*'Prüfungssekretariat'* in German) helps you with questions on credit transfers and all examination-related matters. The Examinations Office also issues – upon request – your degree certificate, your final transcript, the diploma supplement and your transcript of records.

Coursework, examinations and other academic achievements completed elsewhere as part of a related programme of study may be counted towards your master's degree. Credit transfer requests should be addressed to the Examinations Officer for your programme.

Please note that we cannot formally recognise any previous coursework/achievements until you are fully matriculated as an ordinary student of the University of Passau. Please discuss any questions relating to the curriculum with the relevant programme adviser. Find the Examinations Officer for your degree programme at: www.uni-passau.de/en/study/getting-organised/examinations-office/contact

Regulations and module catalogue

Please visit the programme webpage for the study and examination regulations and the module catalogue.
www.uni-passau.de/en/ma-devstudies

Course catalogue, Stud.IP and HISQIS

Students should use Stud.IP, one of the University's virtual learning environment (VLE) systems, to register for the required modules. Moreover, Stud.IP gives you access to module-related content, timetable functions, updates on the module sessions and allows you to engage with lecturers and fellow students via the notice boards. Finally, Stud.IP is used for CampusCard (i.e. the student ID card) management functions. The username and password used for Stud.IP are identical to your campus computer network credentials.
www.zim.uni-passau.de/en/systems-login/studip

HISQIS, another VLE system, is the platform students use to register for module and language examinations and to obtain student enrolment certificates and similar documents. The username and password used for HISQIS are identical to your campus computer network credentials. The Examinations Office has further details on HISQIS and how to use it: www.uni-passau.de/examinations-office

International Students' Orientation Weeks

About two weeks before the semester starts, the International Office holds the International Students' Orientation Weeks. These are open to all international students starting out at the university and, like the 'Orientation Week' for all students (see below), are designed to help you settle in quickly. Being specially designed for international students, they include guided tours of the town, campus and university facilities in English as well as short-term German language and area studies courses – and usually one or two multi-day outings to interesting places in Germany. As the International Students' Orientation Weeks precede the regular Orientation Week, new students coming to Passau will be able to take part in both. www.uni-passau.de/en/intl-orientation-weeks

Orientation Week ('O-Woche')

At the beginning of each semester, the '*Fachschaften*' (student committees) hold an Orientation Week (often abbreviated '*O-Woche*') for all new students. In the case of this degree programme, the student committee that organises the Orientation Week for you is the '*Fachschaft Philo*' (aka '*FS Philo*'). During the O-Woche you will be given guided tours of the campus and of various key units of the University, including the University Library. You can also attend courses explaining how to use Stud.IP and there will be fellow students around to help you when it comes to preparing your timetable; naturally there will also be plenty of fun social activities on- and off-campus during this week.

For more information on the O-Woche, visit:
www.phil.uni-passau.de/fakultaetsorganisation/fachschaft/o-woche
(this website is only available in German).

Academic Advice Service

The Academic Advice Service provides information on the master's programme and can help you if you have questions about changing your programme of study or are thinking of de-registering from the programme altogether.

Academic Advice Service, Innstrasse 39, 94032 Passau
Phone: +49 851 509 ext. 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153 or 1154 (calls are accepted Mon to Fri 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon and Mon to Thurs 1–3 p.m.)
Please make an appointment for a consultation session.
Drop-in hours: Wed 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de
www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice

Programme Convenors

If you have specific questions about the degree programme, please contact the Programme Convenors:

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kuwi netzwerk international e.V.

With a membership figure of around 3,000 – comprised entirely of students and alumni of the cultural studies-related degree programmes of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities – *kuwi netzwerk international* provides assistance finding internships (and having them recognised for the programme) as well as other forms of employment; *kuwi netzwerk international* also provides advice to students on writing up timetables and all other study-related questions.

Kuwi netzwerk members have access to:

- weekly e-mail newsletters with a list of vacancies and upcoming events
- the virtual kuwi.community
- the kuwi.mentoring programme

Furthermore, *kuwi netzwerk international* is a co-organiser of the Orientation Week and holds various events throughout the year for students and alumni, such as the kuwi.karrieretag (careers day) and the kuwi.symposium.

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AIESEC

Worldwide internship exchange is a core aspect of AIESEC, the world's largest international student organisation. Please contact your local AIESEC committee for further details (www.aiesec.de/passau).

Study abroad

If you need help planning your stay abroad, get in touch with:

The International Office
Innstrasse 41, 94032 Passau, Germany
Telephone: +49 0851 509 ext. 1160, 1162, 1163, 1165 or 1167
www.uni-passau.de/en/international

Centre for Careers and Competencies (ZKK)

The Centre for Careers and Competencies provides students with a comprehensive offering of transversal skills seminars and a vast range of resources and services to facilitate job orientation, internship search and career entry. Through the ZKK, students can find out about internships, student jobs and employment vacancies, as well as apply for scholarships for internships abroad. Furthermore, the competencies seminars and IT courses help students to develop crucial transversal skills and competencies. This is rounded off by the ZKK's seminars on job applications and information on career entry in Germany and abroad, which are tailored to students' needs. For details, visit www.uni-passau.de/en/zkk.

Accommodation

The Student Services Association manages the refectory, cafeterias and halls of residence, administers student loans and grants and provides welfare advice, among other things: www.stwno.de/en.

If you are an international student and wish to **arrange accommodation for the first semester** through the University, get in touch with Ms Alexandra Winterkorn of the International Office:

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For information about **hotels, B&Bs and guest houses**, contact:

Tourist Information Passau
Rathausplatz 3
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www.passau.de

More information: www.uni-passau.de/en/accommodation.

Module Area A: 'Foundation'

The module group 'Foundation Modules' consists of two examination modules that have to be completed by all students.

Module Group 'Foundation Modules'

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L	Methods and Theories of Development Research	2	5
S	Interdisciplinary Development Seminar	2	10
Total for 2 modules:		4	15

Module Area B: 'Research'

The module group 'Research Methods' consists of modules about research methods as well as a research seminar and two research colloquia. Students must earn a minimum of **25 ECTS credits** in this module group to proceed. Completion of the *Research Seminar* and the *colloquia* is compulsory for all students on the programme. Apart from the colloquia, all modules in this group are examination modules.

Module Group 'Research Modules':

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L+T	Introduction to Quantitative Research	4	5
S+T	Introduction to Qualitative Research	4	5
L+T	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (Evaluation of Development Policies)	4	5
S+T	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods	4	5
S	Research Seminar	2	5
C	Development Studies Colloquium I	1	5
C	Development Studies Colloquium II	1	5
Total for 6 modules:		16	25

Module Area C: 'Specialisation'

A minimum of 40 ECTS credits must be gained in this module area. You are required to complete at least one module each from three of the five module groups forming the core subject areas. You will specialise in a field or further consolidate your knowledge by completing additional modules. All modules in this module area are examination modules.

The module groups forming the core subject areas are:

- *Economics*
- *Southeast Asian Studies*

- *Sociology and Politics*
- *Sustainability and Resources*
- *Geographies of Development*

You have the option of placing a study focus on one of the following areas, which will then be indicated in your final transcript:

- *Southeast Asian Studies*
- *Economics*
- *Sustainability*

The subject area 'Southeast Asian Studies' will be shown in the final transcript if you gain at least 20 ECTS credits in the core subject area 'Southeast Asian Studies' (Module Area C: 'Specialisation') and at least another 10 ECTS credits in an Asian foreign language (Module Area D: 'Transfer'). The subject area 'Economics' will be shown if you earn at least 20 ECTS credits in the core subject area 'Economics' (Module Area C: 'Specialisation') and another 5 ECTS credits in *Advanced Quantitative Research Methods* (Module Area B: 'Research'). The subject area 'Sustainability' will be shown if you gain at least 20 ECTS credits in the core subject area 'Sustainability and Resources' (Module Area C: 'Specialisation') and another 10 ECTS credits in either *Natural Resource Management in Asia* (Module Area C: 'Specialisation' – Module Group 'Southeast Asian Studies') or in *Sociology of Sustainability – Reflexive Perspectives* (Module Area C: 'Specialisation' – Module Group 'Sociology and Politics').

Module Group 'Economics':

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L+T	Health, Development and Public Policy	4	5
L+T	Micro Development Economics	4	5
L+T	Growth, Inequality and Poverty	4	5
S	Development Economics	2	7
L+T	Economics of Education	4	5
L+T	Behavioural Public Economics	4	5
L+T	Economics of Corruption	2	7
L+T	Anticorruption and the Design of Institutions	4	5
S	Experimental Ethics and Corruption	2	7
S	Lab and Field Experiment: Corruption, Conflict and Cooperation	4	10
L	Behavioural Game Theory	3	5
L+T	Fundamentals of International Trade	4	5
L+T	Empirics of International Trade	4	5
S	Strategy and Innovation Consulting	2	7
L+T	Strategy for High-Tech Start-ups	4	5

Module Group 'Southeast Asian Studies':

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
S	Natural Resource Management in Asia	2	10
S	Between Success and Failure: Development Policies and Projects in Southeast Asia	2	10

S	Democratisation, Elite formation and Social Development	2	10
S	Multiple Modernities of Southeast Asia	2	10

Module Group ‘Sociology and Politics’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
S	Sociology of Sustainability – Reflexive Perspectives	2	10
S	Urbanism	2	10
S	Conflicts, Disasters, Processes of State-Building	2	10
S	Organisations, Institutions and Development	2	10
S	International Media, Development Cooperation and Development Journalism	2	5
S	Cooperation and Conflict in International Relations	2	5

Module Group ‘Sustainability and Resources’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
S	Agricultural and Rural Development	2	10
S	Sustainability	2	10
S	Gender and Development	2	10
S	Sustainability and Resources: Materiality and Infrastructure in Society	2	10

Module Group ‘Geographies of Development’:

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
L	Regional Development	2	5
S	Regional Development	2	10
L	Mobilities and Development	2	5
S	Mobilities and Development	2	10
L	Human and Environmental Relations	2	5
S	Human and Environmental Relations	2	10

Module Area D: ‘Transfer’

In the module group ‘Transfer Modules’, a **total of 15 ECTS credits** must be earned while the module *Applied Development Studies* is compulsory for all students. This project module should be closely related to your master’s thesis. You can complete this module either with an individual research project under the supervision of an examiner from Module Area C: ‘Specialisation’ or with an internship supervised by the chairperson of the Board of Examiners. In the field of foreign languages, you can choose from the whole range regulated by the General Study and Examination Regulations (*‘Allgemeine Studien- und Prüfungsordnung’* in German). Students whose native language is not German and who have fulfilled the A1 entry requirement may choose German as a

foreign language from the level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) upwards. For 'Development Studies in Perspective', the chairperson of the Board of Examiners may also approve modules from other master programmes at the University of Passau upon request. Apart from *Applied Development Studies*, all modules in this group are examination modules.

Module Group 'Transfer Modules':

Module type	Module title	WCH	ECTS credits
Project/Internship	Applied Development Studies (at least four weeks)	N/A	5
T	Foreign Language	8	10
L/S	Development Studies in Perspective	2-4	10
L/S	Development Studies in Perspective I	2-4	5
L/S	Development Studies in Perspective II	2-4	5
Total for 2-3 modules:		2-8	15

Master's thesis:

All students have to complete a master's thesis in the English language in one of the module groups chosen in Module Area C: 'Specialisation'. You will be given four months to write the thesis, which should have a maximum length of 15,000 words. You will be awarded **25 ECTS credits** for receiving a pass mark on your thesis.

Key of abbreviations:

ECTS	=	European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System
WCH	=	Contact hours per week
C	=	Colloquium
T	=	Tutorial
L	=	Lecture
S	=	Seminar