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# Development Studies



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in Australia

#10 globally

\*QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024

Development Studies at The Australian National University (ANU) explores issues that arise from the planning, implementation and consequences of social, political and economic change, and global inequality among people of the Global South.

This degree examines the nature of relations between wealthier countries and those people and countries who are, or consider themselves to be, disadvantaged in a rapidly globalising world. You will learn an interdisciplinary approach to the understanding of theory and practice concerning the processes of development in developing countries.

Development Studies offers a solid grounding in the institutional processes of development, a critique of development organisation and discourses and training in the practices of development implementation.

## Career opportunities

The Development Studies prepares you for a variety of careers related to international development. These careers may be focused on economic, social or political development and may be based in Australian institutions or organisations abroad. Graduates of Development Studies may find work in non-government organisations such as Oxfam, Care and World Vision, aid agencies, and government departments such as DFAT. There may also be career opportunities in international bodies such as UNICEF, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, as well as in policy, and with multinational companies.

## Development Studies at ANU

ANU is a leader in the field of Development Studies and is ranked first in Australia and 10<sup>th</sup> in the world.<sup>1</sup> It has established relationships with Australian and international aid and development organisations.

You are able to take courses on specific regions such as Central Asia, the Middle East, China, Latin America, Oceania, and South and Southeast Asia. You will have the opportunity within your Development Studies major to take courses from a range of disciplines including economics, environmental studies, political science, anthropology and sociology. You are also able to study a language to complement your studies and understanding of development.

Development studies students learn to:

- Identify the theory and principles of development
- Analyse the practice of development through multilateral, bilateral, government and non-government agencies
- Examine critical development issues in particular regions
- Further their understanding by engaging in social sciences and/or a language.

## Internships & study abroad opportunities

In Development Studies, you may have the opportunity to make the most of the University's national capital location. Internships are available for students who want to gain invaluable experience working within government and non-government organisations that focus on issues in development. There are also opportunities for you to work in an organisation located in a developing country under the supervision of the local employer and an ANU academic staff member. You will undertake projects and research which will be credited towards your degree. For information on the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) see [anip.anu.edu.au](http://anip.anu.edu.au)

## Prizes and Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships for both international and domestic students. To find out if you are eligible see [anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/prizes](http://anu.edu.au/students/program-administration/prizes)



### Lavinia

**Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science**  
**Major: Development Studies**

I chose ANU because of the diversity and breadth of courses offered. There are lots of opportunities to specialise in issues of environmental sustainability and the anthropology of third world development.

The most surprising thing about my course is the opportunity to travel overseas with ANU and conduct self-directed research. I found the most personally challenging and rewarding experiences have been through my placement at AusAID as part of the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) and an independent research project I was fortunate to complete whilst working in Bangladesh.

## Further information

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