

How to apply

Applicants must be degree holders with at least a good second class pass. Excellent writing skills and an ability to communicate in English is essential. Previous relevant work experience in the development field is an advantage. For more information on applications and deadlines for submission please visit: <http://www.sds.ukzn.ac.za/> and click on 'study and training'.

Admission

Our annual intake has students from many parts of the world and South Africa.

While we invite applications from a variety of backgrounds, those with degrees in Development, Economics, Economic History, Human Geography, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Planning, Community Development, Psychology, Social Work, or Agriculture are particularly suited.

Structure of the Programme

Those with a 3-year undergraduate degree will undertake 14 coursework modules over a two-year period. Those with an appropriate four-year Honours degree in a development related field may undertake a one-year coursework degree consisting of six (6) modules. In both cases, students will also complete a short dissertation based on a research project of their own design. The dissertation generally takes six months after the coursework is completed.

Part-time studies are also available but not distance learning.

What is Development Studies?

Development Studies addresses key economic, political and social concerns - inequality and poverty, uneven or inadequate economic growth, maldistribution of resources and institutional failures. Our researchers and academics take an interdisciplinary approach to critically examine policies and strategies that are most appropriate to the realisation of both economic growth and more equitable social outcomes.



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MA in Development Studies

The School of Built Environment and Development Studies (SBEDS) at the University of KwaZulu-Natal is a leading centre for research and teaching on development in South Africa. The School holds an international reputation for the quality of its work and the intellectual rigour with which it applies academic skills to policy challenges. Our orientation to engaging state agencies, NGOs, labour and social movements, business and international institutions makes us one of the world's strongest educational sites for development studies, with unprecedented opportunities for the professional and advocacy training required to engage the world's major problems.

We offer two MA programmes in Development and Population Studies:

Development Studies addresses key economic, political, social and environmental concerns including inequality and poverty, uneven or inadequate economic growth, maldistribution of resources, institutional failures and unsustainable resource use. Development Studies critically examines the role and efficacy of state policies, and interventions by other social actors, in addressing these problems.

Population Studies is a specific social science discipline concerned with the study of human population. Some of the key areas of focus include fertility and nuptiality, migration and urbanization, population and development, population and health, sexual and reproductive health (including HIV/AIDS).

Research

Our lecturers and researchers are highly respected specialists within their field and have been involved in important policy interventions in South Africa and elsewhere. They conduct cutting edge research in the following areas:

Monetary Policy
Banking and Finance
The Green Economy
Gender and Households
Labour and Employment
The Informal Economy
The Labor Market
Trade and Industry



Industrialization
International Relations
Cities, Space and Development
Resilience and Sustainability Studies
Environmental Justice
Coastal Governance

Civil Society and Social Movements
Philanthropy and Social Entrepreneurship
Race and Gender
The Political Economy of Paid and Unpaid Care
Communication
The Politics of Food
Indigenous Knowledge Systems
Ubuntu
The Rural Economy

Demography and Population Dynamics
Aging and Health in Africa
Social Protection
Poverty and Inequality
Sexual and Reproductive Health
HIV/AIDS

Career Possibilities

A Masters in Development Studies degree can act as a launch pad for many different kinds of careers. A survey of our past graduates showed that many occupy senior positions in tertiary institutions, civil society organizations, government, multilateral organizations, and the private sector.

Research and data analysis were the most frequently cited job activities followed by policy analysis, development planning, monitoring and evaluation, capacity building, teaching and fundraising.