

Knowledge and skills offered through Development Studies Programme

KNOWLEDGE of

- ◆ Development trajectories and issues in Pacific Island States and Territories;
- ◆ Development frameworks for the design and evaluation of projects and programmes;
- ◆ The development industry and its real-world applications in areas like sustainable development, poverty reduction, project design, structure of international organizations and policy, and;
- ◆ Governance history and development in Samoa and other Pacific Island States.

SKILLS in

- ◆ Advanced research for the collection and analysis of development-related information and data;
- ◆ Project and programme design and evaluation techniques and their application in the development context;
- ◆ Multidisciplinary approach to development issues and critical thinking.

BENEFITS in

- ◆ Meeting new colleagues in the field of Development Studies and building your professional network;
- ◆ Join a global network of scholars teaching and researching on themes related to development in Samoa and the Pacific;
- ◆ Building an academic foundation to address “development issues” at the local and regional levels.



Our programme was awarded international accreditation by International Accreditation Council (IAC) of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI).

NUS Postgraduate Development Studies

Please contact us for more information about our programme.

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Fees (SAT)	
Enrolment	\$322 - enrolment package/registration fee/ student association fees \$128 - penalty for late enrolment
PGDipDev	\$492 (per course) - domestic students \$2,212 (per course) - international students
MDS	\$561 (per course) - domestic students \$3,370 (thesis option) - domestic students \$2,528 (per course) - international students \$15,166 (thesis option) - international students
PhD	\$9,829 (per year) - domestic students \$44,233 (per year) - international students

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Development Studies – The Pacific Islands at the Centre for Samoan Studies



Map of The Pacific Islands. CPIS, UH Manoa. 2006.

Why study Development Studies at NUS?

Postgraduate qualifications in development studies enhances learners in their professional careers in government, civil society, development and private sector organizations, offering them postgraduate courses that contextualize development theory and practice.

A qualification in development studies prepares learners for employment in local, national and international organizations.

Whether you are just starting out your career, a mid-level professional or a local consultant wishing to enhance your knowledge on development in Samoa and its impacts and implications for our shared future, this programme is for you.

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Enroll NOW, part time or full time

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants for postgraduate diploma and advanced degrees must submit the following forms and documents for consideration into the Development Studies programme:

- 1) Required documents, forms, and papers:
 - i. NUS Application form;
 - ii. Copy of a bachelor's degree from a recognized university,
 - i. Copy of official transcripts with a B3 average
- 2) Letter of Intent (400-500 word paper of why you have chosen to pursue a degree in Development Studies);
- 3) Updated CV/Resume;
- 4) If applicant works part-time and is employed, please provide a letter of support from your current employer.

Students interested in pursuing a Master of Development Studies must submit a writing sample essay of 1,500 words on an aspect of development in Samoa for review.

Students will apply during the **registration week only from January 23 (Monday) to January 27 (Friday) 2023** and each new applicant will go through a thorough review process. New incoming students will require the signature of the Head of Department (HOD) of Development Studies to enter the programme.

Degrees Offered	Programme Structure
Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies (PGDipDev)	Three required courses (HDS500, HDS501 & HSA501) and three 500-level elective courses
Master of Development Studies (MDS)	<p><u>Option 1:</u> MDS by thesis (50,000 words)</p> <p><u>Option 2:</u> MDS by minor thesis (25,000) and coursework (3 courses)</p> <p><u>Option 3:</u> MDS by coursework (6 courses)</p>
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	PhD by thesis (100,000 words)

Semester 1 Courses	
HSA501: Research Methods (Core course)	CSS
Learn about key research methods and methodologies in social science and how to design and conduct post graduate research in Samoa and elsewhere. Lecturer: Dr Brian T Alofaituli	
HDS501: Development Partnerships (Core course)	CSS
Gain knowledge and skills on development assistance strategies, project and programme cycles, evaluation and international standards. Lecturer: Associate Professor Masami Tsujita	
HDS510: Development and Environment in the Pacific	CSS
Examine the multi-dimensional linkages between development agendas, environment alterations, and global inequalities in the context of Pacific Islands. Lecturer: Associate Professor Masami Tsujita (Prerequisite: HSA501 Research Methods or equivalent)	
HSA500: Approaches to Samoan Studies	CSS
Examine a variety of perspectives by which Samoan society could be studied and understood. Lecturer: Ta'iao Matiu Dr Matavai Tautunu	
HSA506: Governance in Samoa	CSS
Learn about the key concepts and issues associated with international migration with reference to Samoa and Pacific Islands. Lecturer: Not offered	
HSC581: Climate Change	FOS
Learn about the main vulnerabilities, risks and impacts of climate change on humans and natural environments in the Pacific islands. Lecturer: Associate Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa	
HSC582: Food Security & Sustainable Livelihoods	FOS
Explore food security and sustainable livelihoods issues including sustainable development, environment and resource management, and conservation. Lecturer: Associate Professor Taema Imo-Seuoti	
HCS580: Selected issues in ICT in Samoa	FOS
Develop awareness and in-depth understanding of selected issues in Information and Communications Technology within the Asia-Pacific context and Samoa. Lecturer: Professor Muagututi'a Ioana Chan Mow	
HED580: Issues of Education in Samoa	FOE
Rethink conventional ideas about educational theory and practice. Lecturer: Associate Professor Fuaialii Tagataese Tupu Tuia	
HGE507: Urbanization and Development	FOA
Examine theoretical and empirical relationships between urbanization and development with reference to Pacific Island States. Lecturer: Dr Anita Latai-Niusulu	
HGE508: Geography of Land Tenure & Land Management in Pacific	FOA
Gain theoretical and practical knowledge on land use and management in the Pacific. Lecturer: Associate Professor Tuiloma Susana Tauaa	
HDS600: MDS Thesis (50,000 words)	
HDS601: MDS Minor Thesis (25,000 words)	
HDS700: PhD Thesis (100,000 words)	
Please refer to the Calendar 2022 for further information on the doctoral degree programme at NUS.	

CSS = Centre for Samoan Studies **FOS** = Faculty of Science
FOA = Faculty of Arts **FOBE** = Faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship
FOE = Faculty of Education

Semester 2 Courses	
HDS500: Development Theory and Practice (Core course)	CSS
Acquire a critical overview of the evolution of theoretical perspectives on development from the 1950s to the present. Lecturer: Associate Professor Masami Tsujita	
HDS508 Cultural Heritage Management	CSS
An overview of cultural heritage management in the global and local contexts using case studies. Lecturer: TBA	
HDS509: Pacific Island States and Territories: History, Dev. Contexts and Issues	CSS
Gain understanding of contemporary development issues and contexts in all the Pacific Island states and territories. Lecturer: Dr Brian T Alofaituli (Prerequisite: HSA501 Research Methods)	
HDS511: Religion and Development	CSS
Explore the intersections between religion and development in Samoa and the Pacific. Lecturer: Dr Brian T Alofaituli (Prerequisite: HSA501 Research Methods)	
HSA503: In-depth Study of the Samoan Language	CSS
Learn about the perspective and descriptive aspects of the Samoan language and the relationship between language use and social change. Lecturer: Ta'iao Matiu Dr Matavai Tautunu	
HSC580: Global Environmental Issues & Samoa	FOS
Examine key global environmental issues and their implications for development in the Samoan context. Lecturer: Associate Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa (Prerequisite: one 300-level Env. Sci. or 300-level HGE course or equivalent).	
HSC583: Disaster Management	FOS
Examine key global environmental issues and their implications for development in the Samoan context. Lecturer: Associate Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa (Prerequisite: one 300-level Env. Sci. or 300-level HGE course or equivalent).	
HCS589: Issues in ICT and Education	FOS
Critically engage with theories and research focused on using information technologies in learning and teaching. Lecturer: Professor Muagututi'a Ioana Chan Mow	
HEN580: Images of Samoa in English Post-colonial Literature	FOA
Analyse images of Samoa in the creative writing of indigenous/migrant writers. Lecturer: Professor Silafau Sina Vaai	
HEC580: Economic Development in Samoa	FOBE
Understand the contribution and challenges faced by Samoa's eco. development. Lecturer: Afualo Dr Wood Salele	
HED581: Globalization and Education in Samoa	FOE
Understand globalization's impact on education in Samoa. Lecturer: Associate Professor Fuaialii Tagataese Tupu Tuia	
HGE509: Geopolitics of Food	FOA
Gain knowledge on geopolitical trends that shape global markets for food, agriculture, and raw materials. Lecturer: Associate Professor Tuiloma Susana Tauaa	
HHI572: Writing for the Academic World - The History Journal Article	FOA
Introduce the complex world of academic publishing and help postgraduate students to write publishable papers. Lecturer: Sau'i'a Dr Louise Mataia Milo	