

MDS

MASTERS in DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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About the Department

The Department of Economics at AIUB is an integral part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). Although, the Faculty of Business offers Economics both as a Minor and Major in the BBA program, the clamor for a full blown program or degree in Economics has always been echoed by students in view of the increasing demand for professional economists needed in the various business and service sectors of the country. Akin to AIUB's slogan "where leaders are created" the primordial goal of the program is to produce future leaders of competent economists ready to respond to the increasing demand of the economic sector. To fulfill the dream of the students, the Department of Economics is offering "The Bachelor of Social Science in Economics (BSS Economics)" and Masters in Development Studies (MDS).

Program

The Masters in Development Studies (MDS) is designed to provide an understanding of critical perspectives on development issues for fulfilling the need for quality human resources. The objective of MDS is to produce professionals with technical capabilities to deal with evolving development priorities of the less developed nation under the complex socio-cultural environment. The program ensures the capacity of the participants in order to formulate policies and implement programs providing strategic leadership to achieve stipulated goals. The curriculum is combined with a rigorous course work and guided research. Graduates from this course can go into international, national and regional level policy, planning and management level employment opportunities. They can work for government, international agencies, NGOs and the private sector as policy-makers, researchers, advisors or work in advocacy or training.

Objectives

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a diverse range of international and national level management, policies including current and emerging trends;
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of development planning and financing issues under the complex global context;
- demonstrate specialist knowledge and skills in other areas selected from a range of options on the program relevant to the study of development strategy;
- apply their knowledge and skills using various approaches to formulate, implement and evaluate development policies, plans and programs;
- show competence both written and verbal, in communicating empirical evidence and consolidating and critically appraising debates relevant to development issues;

Course Curriculum

The MDS is a postgraduate program of 45 credits. It consists of 10 compulsory courses (30 credits), 5 elective courses (15 credits) or a thesis (6 credits).

The semester-wise course distributions are presented below:

Course Distribution by Semester

First Semester

Course Code	Course title	Credit
DEV 5101	Development Economics	3
DEV 5102	Globalization and Development	3
DEV 5103	Research Methodology	3
DEV 5104	Politics, Leadership and Governance	3

Second Semester

Course Code	Course title	Credit
DEV 5205	Development Perspective	3
DEV 5206	NGO and Social Entrepreneurship	3
DEV 5207	Statistics for Development	3
DEV 5115 (Elective 1)	Gender and Development	3

Third Semester

Course Code	Course title	Credit
DEV 5307	Poverty Studies Development Policies	3
DEV 5308	Social Anthropology	3
DEV 5309	Project Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation	3
DEV 5121 (Elective 2)	Social Innovations	3

Fourth Semester

Course Code	Course title	Credit
DEV 5213 (Elective 3)	Demography and Population Dynamics	3
Elective 4 } Elective 5 }		3 3
OR Thesis		6

Elective Courses

Course Code	Course title	Credit
DEV 5111	Public Health and Behavior Change	3
DEV 5112	Health Economics	3
DEV 5213	Demography and Population Dynamics	3
DEV 5214	Gender Based Violence, Sexuality and HIV/ AIDS	3
DEV 5115	Gender and Development	3
DEV 5216	Climate Change and Disaster Management	3
DEV 5217	Microfinance and Micro -insurance	3
DEV 5318	Media, Technology and Information Management	3
DEV 5319	Development Communication	3
DEV 5320	Corporate Social Responsibilities	3
DEV 5121	Social Innovations	3
DEV 5222	Social Services Management	3

Admission Requirements

Applicants for this program are required to hold a bachelor degree or its equivalent from an accredited academic institution within or outside the country, and could be from social sciences, health sciences, business administration, or any other discipline. The minimum cumulative gross point average (CGPA) for admission into this program is 2.75 for the applicants whose undergraduate degree was evaluated with the CGPA system.

Goals of the Program

To develop professionals and their capacity to deal with critical analysis of the issues within policy, planning and financing of development programs, and

To formulate and design appropriate policies and strategies responsive to the welfare and needs of the people at large within a framework of social economic, environmental and political factors that shape the development opportunities and policies of a nation.

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About our Faculty Members:

To ensure high quality, the program will be carried out by experienced and specially trained faculties, qualified at various world reputed International universities.

Name of Faculty

Dr. Tazul Islam	<i>Professor</i>
Dr. A.N. Neaz Ahmed	<i>Professor</i>
Dr. Md. Ferdous Alam	<i>Professor</i>
Dr. Md. Faruque Hossain	<i>Professor</i>
Dr. M. Mizanul Haque Kajal	<i>Adjunct Professor</i>
Dr. A.B.M. Rahmatullah	<i>Sr. Assistant Professor</i>
Dr. Simin Seury	<i>Faculty</i>
Dr. Md. Taufiqul Islam	<i>Assistant Professor</i>
Ms. Farhana Rafiq	<i>Assistant Professor</i>

Why Would You Choose AIUB?

- ❖ Internationally trained and highly motivated faculty members
- ❖ Only private university to publish a journal in Business and Economics
- ❖ State of the Art IT facilities with many modern computer labs
- ❖ Specialized placement office to help students find rewarding employment
- ❖ Resourceful library facilities with online library management systems
- ❖ Regularly visiting international professors to enhance cross cultural dialogue
- ❖ Student exchange programs with overseas universities
- ❖ Scholarships and Waivers for meritorious students
- ❖ Wide range of research scope, including seminars, workshops and symposiums
- ❖ Language Labs with modern AV equipment to enhance spoken and written English
- ❖ Internship facilities at research institutions and NGOs

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