



UNIVERSITÄT  
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Master of Arts

# Development Studies

*Master's Programme.*





*Development Studies is a bilingual programme (German and English) with an English-only track that can be completed as a full-time or a part-time student.*

## Understanding development processes in times of global change.

Processes of development, change, and globalization in Latin America, Asia, and Africa are playing an increasingly important global role in this day and age. The interdisciplinary master's programme "Development Studies" addresses the causes, conditions, and consequences of such processes. Here you have the chance to look at "development" from different perspectives, to link methodological and theoretical approaches, and to detect connections between social, political, and spatial conditions. During your studies, you will gain the ability to analyse development problems and processes of global and local change, to discuss them in consideration of theories from the social sciences and economics, and to apply them in practice as part of a project-focussed unit of study.



*This interdisciplinary programme provides a scientifically grounded yet practice-oriented approach to the chances, challenges, and contradictions in current development processes.*

## Master complexity through interdisciplinarity.

The programme of study combines courses in development sociology and politics, geography, and economics. On this basis, students acquire subject-specific as well as interdisciplinary and practical skills. The University of Bayreuth's research focus on Africa and its diverse research on the Global South give you access to extensive expertise. You benefit from the close integration of the departments involved, while having the freedom to choose your own area of emphasis to be pursued in development sociology or politics, geography, or economics. Thanks to the programme's interdisciplinary approach, you will be alert and open to the theoretical and methodological diversity that you will encounter again and again, even in practical work in the field of development. This will in turn enable you to better understand and assess complex development processes.



You will complete your project course in the form of an internship or research training, enabling you to link your theoretical knowledge with empirical and practical, career-relevant activities.

## Career perspectives in and for the emerging Global South.

The range of international areas of activity open to development experts is immense and continues to grow as the Global South gains more and more economic and political significance. Examples include:

- Institutions active in development cooperation or with strong ties to the Global South, from ministries and national development agencies to the United Nations
- Private organizations active in development cooperation such as *Brot für die Welt*, Care, Caritas, Oxfam, or *Welthungerhilfe*
- Internationally active businesses in industry, trade, and finance
- Industry federations: chambers of foreign trade and business associations
- Media and cultural institutions

### Module Overview

The modules include courses with a fixed content and seminars with variable specific topics. Further information can be found in the module handbook on the website.

#### Foundations

45 ECTS

- *Development Studies between Concepts and Practice: An Interdisciplinary Perspective*
- *Regional Geography: Africa / Asia / Latin America*
- *Geographies of Environment and Development*
- *Development Theories*
- *Social and Political Processes in Africa and Beyond*
- *Governance, Wettbewerb & gesellschaftliche Entwicklung or Governance Seminar*
- *Governance & „Politik“*
- *Development Anthropology*

#### Elective Courses (individual focus)

20 ECTS

##### Advanced Development Sociology/Politics

- *Actors in Development Politics*
- *Development Policies: Selected Issues*
- *Social and Political Processes in Africa and Beyond*
- *Deepening or Catching up: Technical or methodological in-depth knowledge within development sociology or policy*

##### Advanced Geography

- *Socio-economic Development Processes*
- *Development Cooperation/Development Planning*
- *Attendance of a Conference of Experts*
- *Political Ecology of Global Environmental Change*

##### Advanced International Economy

- *Economic Progress and Institutional Change*
- *Corporate Governance: Theoretical Aspects of Corporate Governance*
- *Probleme der Wettbewerbs- und Wirtschaftspolitik or Governance Seminar*
- *Development*
- *Catching up: Microeconomics I and/or macroeconomics I*

#### Project-focussed Unit

35 ECTS

- *Internship or Research Training Project*
- *Master Colloquium*

#### Master's Thesis

20 ECTS

Total

120 ECTS



*A model of study tailored to fit your interests, along with the University's impressive network, and our small study groups provide the ideal conditions for personal and intellectual growth.*



*At the University of Bayreuth, you will find a range of opportunities for international exchange and focused education.*

## Application and Admission.

Application process and admission requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from the University of Bayreuth in Applied African Studies, African Culture & Society, International Economics & Development, African Development Studies in Geography, Philosophy & Economics, or Geography (final grade "2.5" or better), or an equivalent degree awarded by another university
- At least four weeks of practical experience abroad dealing with development
- English language skills (C1) and – for international students – demonstrated skills in the German language (DSH1 or a similar examination)

**Start of the programme: winter semester (October)**

Please submit the required application documents no later than 15 July. Further details can be found on

[www.developmentstudies.uni-bayreuth.de](http://www.developmentstudies.uni-bayreuth.de)

## The University of Bayreuth.

The University of Bayreuth is currently rated among the top young universities according to the Times Higher Education global ranking "150 under 50". This ranking focuses on the top 150 universities worldwide which were founded less than 50 years ago. As a medium-sized campus university, we place less emphasis on growth and more on ensuring the highest quality of our infrastructure. In doing so, the University of Bayreuth focuses on disciplinary and interdisciplinary projects that place Bayreuth among the best universities internationally. One example is the university's research focus on Africa, which has made Bayreuth a key location for interdisciplinary research on the Global South.



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