Bachelor of Development Studies
WHAT IS...

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

• the study of the causes and consequences of unequal development in Australia and internationally

• the aim is to develop a more equitable world and a more sustainable future
WHY CHOOSE...

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

• Because you care about the world that we all live in

• Because you want to make a difference

• Development Studies students make a difference in the world, locally, nationally and internationally
WHY STUDY WITH US?

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• You get to study with other students who are passionate about making a difference

• You get to work with academic staff who are passionate about teaching and working with communities in different parts of the globe
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• You are introduced to a broad range of ways of understanding development

  – Aboriginal Studies
  – Economics
  – Environmental Studies
  – Geography
  – Politics
  – Sociology
What Sorts of Students Are Attracted To Development Studies?

• Students with strengths in
  – Geography (human)
  – Economics
  – Society and Culture
  – Aboriginal Studies
  – Modern History

• Students interested in
  – Politics
  – Uneven Development
  – Social Justice
  – Environmental Change
WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Four Majors

- Urban and Regional Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Cultures and Citizenship
- Globalisation and Economic Development
WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

Other Opportunities

• Fieldwork
• Placement Course
  – Local and state government, NGOs
• Study abroad
Study Abroad

• “I finally finished my semester abroad! It is hard to believe how quickly time has gone by. For anyone considering doing exchange as part of their degree, I highly recommend it, and I especially recommend coming to the Philippines.” Lisa Butson
WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

YOUR OWN PROJECTS..Honours

- Local renewable energy initiatives
- Community-led urban regeneration initiatives
- Aid workers experiences of conflict
- Refugees and immigration detention
- Community housing for older people
- Fair trade
- Community cooperatives
What Development Studies students do when they graduate

- International AID/development organisations
  - United Nations
  - NGO OXFAM, Save the Children UK, Red Cross

- Federal Government Departments including
  - Prime Minister and Cabinet
  - Foreign Affairs and Trade
  - Immigration
  - Infrastructure and Regional Development
  - Indigenous Affairs
  - Human Services

- State government
  - Department of Planning
  - Department of Housing
• Quasi government
  – Landcare
  – Clean Energy Regulator

• Local government
  – Community development
  – Planning, (strategic, development, community, cultural, heritage)

• Community development
  – Indigenous people
  – Capacity building

• Support and advocacy workers
  – Homeless
  – Domestic violence
  – Refugees and migrant
  – Youth development worker
• Consultancy
  – Environmental
  – Social and community engagement
  – Business

• Private business
  – Corporate social justice
  – Environment and community development
  – Land Acquisition and management

• NGOs
  – Catholic Care, Red Cross, Micah Projects

• Teaching

• Research

• Higher Education
Graduate Careers

• Samantha Orr
  – Humanitarian Affairs Officer in Preparedness and Response Unit.
  – United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
  – Honours in Disaster Relief
Graduate Careers

• Craig Robinson
  – Policy Officer | Multilateral Aid for Trade Section
  – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
  – “I could not recommend the Development Studies degree enough – it provided the framework to examine the broad range of issues I have worked on since graduation.”
Graduate Careers

• Lauren Pollock
  – Senior Outreach Youth Development Worker
  – Walpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation
  – Building capacity, opportunities & support for young people
Some days my day consists of taking a bus load of kids for a bush trip, cooking kangaroo tail and bush tucker, and listening to dreamtime stories. In these instances, I still can't believe that this is my job. Such a great opportunity to learn and grow. I've been given a skin name—Nangala, which is connected to Emu and water dreaming. My Warlpiri is still very rusty, but I know, 'yes, no, good, bad, come here, go away, and later,'.. I guess it's a start”. Although there are challenges, I'm surprised at how much my degree has enabled me to overcome them. I'm also learning so much on the job too”. Lauren Pollock
Graduate Careers

• Jessica Richardson
  – Settlement Officer
  – Migrant and Refugee Settlement Services in Canberra
  – Worked for NGOs in Vietnam and in the UK
Graduate Careers

• Naomi Lubbett
  – Support and Advocacy Worker
  – Micah Projects
  – “Her role now includes working with families experiencing homelessness and the domains that overlap family homelessness.”
Graduate Careers

• Ryan Falkenmire
  – Town Planner
  – Koby Development Consultants
  – Planning Property and Development
Graduate Careers

- Sarah Patterson
  - Senior Sustainable Living Officer
  - Lake Macquarie Council
Graduate Careers

• Rachel Donnelly
  – Senior Project Officer
  – Advisor (Arnhem Land and Groote Eylandt)
  – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
  – Briefings for Minister for Indigenous Affairs
Graduate Careers

• Conor Ashleigh
  – Visual Storyteller
  – Book, Stories of the South with Sudanese Refugees in Sydney
  – Australia, Papua New Guinea, Uzbekistan, Scotland, France, Samoa, Colombia, Ecuador

– Conor regularly works on humanitarian assignments for agencies including The World Bank, The Asia Foundation, ACIAR, Red Cross, SOS Children’s Village, Marist Solidarity.
• “Conor was 16, on an international volunteering trip when his passion for social justice was first ignited. After three years of Australian based activism and international volunteering, Conor realised he was as passionate about the medium of photography as he was about the issues he was documenting. Conor returned to Australia where he gained a Bachelor of Development Studies from the University of Newcastle while also working in the community sector, primarily with homeless youth. These experiences provided Conor with the strong foundation that informs his work as a visual storyteller.”
Graduate Careers

• Tom Baker
  – Lecturer, University of Auckland
  – Post Doctoral Fellow at Simon Fraser University (Vancouver Canada)
  – Globalisation of policy making
    • Chronic homelessness
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