

International development

Essentials

What international development degrees are there?

International Development
International Development and a Language (one from French, Italian or Spanish)

Anthropology and International Development (p32)
Economics and International Development (p61)
Geography and International Development (p77)
International Relations and Development (p84)
Sociology and International Development (p121)

What degrees can I take with international development as a minor?

Business and Management Studies (with a Development Studies Pathway) (p43)

See also

Anthropology (p31), Geography (p75), International relations (p82)

What A levels/IB scores do I need?

(For other qualifications information, refer to pages 125-129)

Typical A level offer range: AAB-ABB

For International Development and a Language, A levels (or equivalent) must include the language you wish to study at grade B

Typical IB diploma offer range: 34-36 points

For International Development and a Language, 34-36 points normally including your chosen language at Higher Level with a final grade of 5

Fees

Refer to pages 137-138 for information on fees

English language requirements

IELTS 6.5 overall and not less than 6.0 in both the Listening and Writing sections. Internet-based TOEFL with 90 overall, including at least 24 in Speaking and 25 in Writing. For alternative English language requirements, refer to page 130

Foundation year for non-EU students

If your qualifications (including English language) do not yet meet our entry requirements for admission direct to the first year of these degree programmes, we offer an international foundation year entry route. Refer to pages 26 and 131 for details

How do I find out more?

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When can I visit?

Our Open Day dates for 2011 are 11 June and 8 October. We also run regular campus tours. Please book online at www.sussex.ac.uk/visitors or call 01273 876787

Why international development?

The study of international development has never been more popular or more important, with the world's richest nations committed to halving world poverty by 2015, and many poor countries themselves experiencing rapid economic growth. A degree in international development will train you to work in this burgeoning field, but also to understand the different visions of what 'development' can mean, and the many challenges to reducing poverty and inequality.

The field of international development is concerned not only with economic growth, but also with social and cultural transformation and moral and religious values. It also increasingly interacts with environmental change: economic development is a major contributor to carbon emissions, yet some of the world's poorest people are the most vulnerable to climate change.

Why international development at Sussex?

- Our reputation: Sussex is one of the largest and longest-established centres of international development expertise in the world. Researchers from the Departments of Anthropology, Geography, International Relations, Economics, Sociology, and History all contribute to the degree programmes.
- Excellent teaching: our teaching encourages critical thinking and analysis. Lectures and seminars are complemented by activities that reflect many of the challenges of working in international development.
- Excellent research: in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE), on average 95 per cent of the research by faculty contributing to our degree programmes was rated as recognised internationally or higher.
- A great learning environment: our students are very active, both within and beyond the classroom. We support student initiatives such as the Student Development Society, student-organised seminars, and both international and local voluntary work. Our global perspective is reflected in the fact that our students come from around the world.
- Overseas opportunities: Sussex encourages time overseas as part of your degree programme. We have links with universities in China, Singapore, Mexico and India. The Nicola Anderson bursary, awarded competitively to international development students, provides financial support for overseas projects.



Josh's perspective

'Sussex was the obvious choice when considering where to study International Development. The School of Global Studies is at the forefront of academic research, and provides an abundance of resources for students. In my time here I've been taught by leading researchers, UN consultants and people involved in every conceivable type of NGO!

'There's a wide range of courses, providing you with a breadth of knowledge while also allowing for specialisation in a particular field. The University's reputation for diversity and forward thinking provides a comfortable environment in which to question the traditional models of development, and to be experimental in your opinions.

'During my degree, my desire to get involved in international development has grown, alongside the skills necessary for this. In my second year, with the help of staff, I undertook an internship with a leading international NGO. These kinds of opportunities are invaluable when completing job applications in your third year!'

Josh Stott
BA in International Development



Bushra's perspective

'I chose Sussex because of its strong reputation for international development, but also because of its history of political activism and ethical investment in environmental, human rights, and educational campaigns. 'During my degree programme I've had the opportunity to get to know many people from different cultural backgrounds, and I've been able to share with them my own cross-cultural experiences - it's inspired many debates, discussions and exchanges of ideas!

'Sussex has given me the skills and expertise to get involved in field work and research in my home country of Palestine after graduation, and I hope to have the chance to share the exceptional experience, knowledge and awareness I've gained at Sussex.'

Bushra Khalidi
International Development graduate





Pre-school in Malawi

What sort of career could I have?

Our graduates have gone on to have careers in both the UK and overseas, and in the public and private sectors:

- Many work for development organisations such as the United Nations agencies and big international charities like Oxfam.
- Several Sussex alumni have set up non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as a result of their experiences while at Sussex, and others have been active in campaigning and lobbying work.
- Our graduates also go on to work for local and national government, particularly in the fields of social and economic regeneration and multiculturalism.
- Some work in the private sector or in commerce, where an understanding of global social issues is important, especially as companies become more interested in corporate social responsibility.
- Every year, several of our graduates go on to further study and training in a range of vocational and academic disciplines.

How will I learn?

Lectures and seminars are combined with workshops and tutorials. You will develop your ability to work independently and to communicate your ideas through essays and presentation. Faculty also make use of new technologies, making slides, video and audio resources available through dedicated e-learning course websites. Assessment includes exams and project and coursework, as well as end-of-course essays and, in the third year, dissertations.

What will I achieve?

- knowledge and understanding of the key development challenges facing poor people and countries
- familiarity with a range of disciplinary approaches to the major issues facing the 'Global South', including analytical skills from anthropology, history, geography, international relations and economics
- ability to use research knowledge and understanding in the development of practical policy approaches to reduce poverty and inequality
- confidence in presenting your own ideas as well as those of others
- the ability to work collaboratively in a group setting, organise your time effectively and work under pressure.

Degrees

International Development BA (Hons), 3 years UCAS Code: L900

In the first year the core courses provide an interdisciplinary overview of the cultural and historical context of the development process and the direct socio-economic framework of contemporary policy initiatives.

In the second year, you take two parallel courses exploring the conceptual basis of the development debates in more depth. Later, you will select options, pursuing your own interests within the subject.

In the final year, you confront contemporary development studies practice, taking introductory courses followed by specialist topics.

International Development and a Language (one from French, Italian or Spanish) BA (Hons), 4 years UCAS Code: LR89



This degree programme is an excellent choice for those wishing to obtain an excellent understanding of development issues. This understanding, together with an in-depth knowledge of a language, is particularly attractive to international employers.

In Year 1 and 2, you study international development core courses along with your chosen language. You spend your third year studying at a university in mainland Europe, and in the final year you pursue an in-depth study of options, as well as continuing with your language studies.

Refer to the core courses list on the right for details of international development courses; refer to the languages subject entry on page 85 for information on these courses.

Core courses

International development courses can be taken as part of a single-honours degree, a joint degree or as a minor. If you choose the single-honours International Development programme, you will take the courses below

In a joint honours programme, international development courses will amount to one-half of your overall degree programme. In the case of a minor, one-quarter of your courses will be in international development

Courses currently include:

Year 1

Colonialism and After • Global Issues • International Development: Ideas and Actors • Issues in Development • Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism • Skills for Development

Year 2

Culture and Development • Measuring Development • The Political Economy of Development

You also choose options from:
Development and the State • Environmental Perspectives on Development • Gender and Development • Health and Development • Introduction to Development Economics • Social Change and Development

Year 3

Institutions of Aid • Tools of the Trade

Options: Business, Development and Corporate Social Responsibility • Contemporary Issues in the Global Political Economy • Environment, Ecology and Development • Globalisation and Contemporary Conflict • Human Rights • International Relations of the Modern Middle East • Medicines, Health and Development • Population and Development • NGOs in World Politics