

Global Development Theory and Practice

Master of Philosophy

University of Bergen



With a specialisation in:

Either **Health Promotion** or **Gender in Global Development**



Master in Global Development Theory and Practice

Programme Profile

If you choose to study with us, you will get in-depth understanding of global development processes through critical evaluation of relevant theories and the contexts of sustainable human development. You will also learn about the practice of development, including policy and programme planning, implementation and evaluation at different levels of organisation. In addition you will get the opportunity to develop and carry out an independent research project under close supervision of staff at our department, and thereby develop your skills as a researcher. The first year of the study is devoted to courses in development theory and practice, to methodology and research planning, as well as theory courses related to the specialisation. For the second year you are given two options: You can either spend two semesters writing a 60 ECTS Master's Thesis, or do a one semester's internship, participating in the daily operations of a development/government/ research organisation, and spend the last semester writing a 30 ECTS Master Thesis.



Specialisations

Either

Health Promotion gives the student expertise in health promotion theory and practice in the context of global development. The general approach of all aspects of this specialisation is a resource-based perspective.

Or

Gender in Global Development gives the students expertise in gender and feminist analysis in the context of global development. Focus is put on gendered power relations and vulnerabilities as well as processes of empowerment and social change.

Internship/Study Period Abroad

The students who choose the option of 30 ECTS credits Master's Thesis plus a 30 ECTS credits internship are encouraged to do their internship abroad for one semester at one of our collaborating Universities or with an organisation. It is also possible to do the internship with a Norwegian organisation. We encourage students writing the 60 ECTS credits Master's Thesis to go abroad for field work/data collection.



Professional Prospects

A Master's degree in Global Development Theory and Practice gives broad competence in the development field, and qualifications for employment in a broad spectrum of local, regional, nation and international development aid organisations (the UN, national development agencies and NGOs), as well as in different parts of national and local public administration. Graduates of the programme will have demonstrated skills in interdisciplinary teamwork and will know how to build, participate in and manage teams with members from different professional backgrounds, and from community organisations. Graduates will also be qualified to work as research assistants both in industry and in the public sector. Students with superior performance in the programme may be qualified for further academic work, including doctoral study.

Admission Requirements and Application Procedure

Applicants to the Master's programme in Global Development Theory and Practice must have completed a first degree (Bachelor) of at least three years duration. The applicants must document special competence equalling one and a half years of study (90 ECTS) in a field or specialisation relevant for the study of global development theory and practice. Students must choose between either a specialisation in Health Promotion or in Gender in Global Development when they apply.

Applicants must document proficiency in English according to specified requirements, as this is the language of instruction.

The Master of Philosophy in Global Development Theory and Practice admits international self-financing students (**application deadline 1st of December 2015**) and Norwegian students (**application deadline 15th of April**). You can find more information on our web-site: <http://www.uib.no/en/studyprogramme/MAPS-GLODE#uib-tabs-admission->

Please note;

Your application will not be processed if

- you have not given sufficient information about your academic background
- your academic background does not qualify for admission

Conditional Start-up Date

The planned start for the programme is August 2016, and admissions will occur annually.

Make sure to apply well before the closing date



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