

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, SPECIALISING IN GEOGRAPHY

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INTRODUCTION

The Master in Development Studies, specialising in Geography, is a programme designed for students who want to specialise in development studies and social change. The degree is awarded by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Technology Management at NTNU and administered by the Department of Geography. It is an interdisciplinary degree that is relevant for students with backgrounds in different social sciences, planning, and development studies. The programme thus prepares you for both further research and jobs in a variety of sectors, including aid organisations, the civil and diplomatic services, planning and policy, resource management, teaching and research.

Admission requirements

The master's programme accepts Norwegian and Nordic students, in addition to self-financing international students.

Admittance to this programme requires a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences. The degree must include at least one year of studies within geography, planning or development studies.

The average grade of the degree must be at least C by the Norwegian grading system, or equivalent, as decided by NTNU.

The language of instruction is English. All lectures and seminars will be held in English, all reading material is in English and all term papers, assignments, exam papers and the thesis must be submitted in English.

The applicants must document their English proficiency by achieving one of the following:

A passing grade from a Norwegian upper secondary school (videregående skole), or through a standardized test:

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with a minimum score of 600/90 paper based / internet based.
- IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) with a minimum score of 6.5 points

Exceptions from this requirement can be given for certain groups of applicants. For more information about the admission requirements, please consult the following webpage: <http://www.ntnu.edu/studies/langcourses/languagerequirements>.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Through the MPhil programme in Development studies, specialising in geography, the students should have the following qualifications after finishing the master program:

Knowledge

- gained a thorough understanding of key concepts and theories within the field of development studies and geography
- gained solid knowledge of methods of data collection and analysis
- reached an in-depth understanding of a specific development topic through the work with the master thesis.

Skills

- Be able to identify and formulate relevant and feasible research objectives for a scientific study and develop an appropriate research design
- Be able to undertake an independent research project under academic supervision
- applying relevant theories and methods and according to ethical norms for research and dissemination

General competency

- Acquired skills relevant for employment in public and private sectors and in academic research
- Obtained an advanced level of written and oral proficiency.

The programme is open to both international and Norwegian students.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme involves 2 years of full-time studies. The programme is structured around core courses (37,5 credits), electives (37,5 credits) and a Master's thesis (45 credits).

The core courses are: GEOG3053 Discourses of Development and Globalization, Experts in Teamwork (EiT), GEOG3919 Progress and Fieldwork and either GEOG3005 Qualitative Methods or GEOG3006 Quantitative Methods.

Students can choose electives worth 37,5 credits from a number of courses offered by the Department of Geography or other departments. Courses other than those listed below can be chosen as electives. Other courses may be chosen if approval is given by the Department of Geography.

Programme structure - MPhil in Development Studies, specialising in Geography

Term	Course (7,5 cr)	Course (7,5 cr)	Course (7,5 cr)	Course (7,5 cr)
4th sem (spring)	GEOG3920			
3rd sem (autumn)	GEOG3920		Elective course	GEOG3919
2nd sem (spring)	EiT - intensive	Elective course(s)		GEOG3919
1st sem (autumn)	GEOG3053	GEOG3005 or GEOG3006	Elective course(s)	

Candidates are expected to collect data and conduct fieldwork for their thesis in the beginning of the third semester (2-3 months).

Experts in Teamwork (EiT)

Students admitted into this study program is supposed to choose an intensive village where the language of instruction is English. The lectures will be given intensively for three weeks in January during the second semester.

Master's thesis agreement

All students must sign a master's thesis agreement that regulates the relationship between student and supervisor, among other things.

Course overview

Core courses

Code	Title	Cr.	Term	Admission	Comp.	Pre.
EiT	Experts in Teamwork (intensive)	7,5	Spring	Restricted admission	X	X
GEOG3005	Qualitative Methods	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3006	Quantitative Methods	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3053	Discourses of Development and Globalization	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3919	Progress and Fieldwork	15	Autumn /Spring/ Autumn	Restricted admission	X	X
GEOG3920	Master's Thesis	45	Spring/ Autumn	Restricted admission		

Elective courses

Code	Title	Cr.	Term	Admission	Comp.	Pre.
GEOG2009	Vector Based GIS	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3030	Natural Resources Management	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3101	Innovation and Regional Development	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
GEOG3506	Geography, Health and Development	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
GEOG3515	Environment, Development and Changing Rural Livelihoods	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
GEOG3516	Humanitarianism: Theory and Practice	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	
GEOG3517	Social Difference, Identity and Place	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
GEOG3522	Migration and Development	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
GEOG3523	GIS Data Capture and Mapping	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
AAR5270	Globalisation and Urban Development	7,5	autumn	Open	X	
BARN3300	Children and Development in the South	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X
GEOG3524	Raster Based GIS	7,5	Spring	Open	X	X
GEOG3525	Landscape, Planning and Management	7,5	Autumn	Open	X	X

Comp.: The subject's compulsory activity must be passed to sit the exam.

Pre.: Prerequisites must be satisfied to be able to enroll in this subject.

You are advised to read the course description for more information: www.ntnu.edu/studies/courses

Elective courses may be cancelled due to the teaching capacity at the Department of Geography or if less than 5 students register for the course.

Information about cancellations will be given no later than January 10 in spring term and August 10 in autumn term. Check <http://www.ntnu.edu/geography/studentinformation> for updated information on which courses are not available. For courses available outside the department of Geography, please contact the respective department.

Credit adjustments due to overlap in content

Course	Course	Credits
GEOG3003	GEOG3002	7,5 credits
GEOG3005	GEOG3052	7,5 credits
GEOG3005	AFR3005	7,5 credits
GEOG3005	AFR3002	7,5 credits
GEOG3005	GEOG3004	7,5 credits
GEOG3005	GEOG3002	7,5 credits
GEOG3006	GEOG3002	7,5 credits
GEOG3006	GEOG3052	7,5 credits
GEOG3006	GEOG3004	7,5 credits
GEOG3006	AFR3002	7,5 credits
GEOG3006	AFR3005	7,5 credits
GEOG3050	GEOG3504	7,5 credits
GEOG3053	GEOG3050	7,5 credits
GEOG3053	GEOG3050	7,5 credits
GEOG3053	SVGEO350	7,5 credits
GEOG3053	GEOG3504	7,5 credits
GEOG3054	GEOG3050	7,5 credits
GEOG3505	GEOG3525	7,5 credits
GEOG3510	GEOG3519	6 credits
GEOG3510	GEOG3520	3 credits
GEOG3510	SVGEO328	6 credits
GEOG3510	GEOG3521	6 credits
GEOG3519	GEOG2009	7,5 credits
GEOG3520	SVGEO328	3 credits