



MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (STRUCTURED)

INTRODUCTION

(MDS) (Structured) (Study Code BC677187)
(200 credits)

The Centre for Development Support within the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences at the University of the Free State is presenting a 2 year part time, inter-disciplinary degree, Masters of Development Studies. The programme is a qualification aimed at those in NGOs, government, parastatals or private sector.

Also available: Master of Development Studies (Dissertation) and Phd in Development studies. For more information, consult the yearbook [here](#).

Admission requirements

For admission to the programme, the student should have at least an Honours degree or Post Graduate Diploma. The student must have at least an average of 65% for his/her previous qualification. With only a degree or higher technical diploma and extensive development-related work experience, the prospective student is eligible to be included in the selection process by submitting a comprehensive portfolio through the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): contact email: RPLOffice@ufs.ac.za and following the application process. If your qualification was obtained outside of South Africa, you have to submit a SAQA verification certificate.

HOW TO APPLY

Prospective students must apply online for a student number and/or the MDS Programme on the UFS website [here](#). Study code is BC677178..

The on-line MDS application should include curriculum vitae (development), motivation, references and essay. Visit the website www.ufs.ac.za/cds/mds for more information on the essay assessment rubric.

The application process open during the 2nd week of July. The application for MDS to be completed on-line by not later than **end of September** prior to registration in the following year.

A representative committee screen the applications and a decision is made during November prior to the year of intake.



STRUCTURE

The degree is structured over a 2 year period. During the 1st and 2nd year it is compulsory to attend contact sessions which will be held at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein campus.

What is the cost of the degree?

A quote is available on the UFS website [here](#). Most study material is presented online. The textbooks (where applicable) are for the account of the student.



MODULES

1st year compulsory modules

(20 credits per module)

EDSA7905 Development, Underdevelopment and Poverty

EDSB7905 Governance and Development

EDSC7905 Development and the Environment

EDSD7905 Applied Development Research

EDSE7905 Project Management for Development

2nd year options

a) Students can choose elective modules (worth 40 credits) with a mini-dissertation (60 credits EMDS7900) **OR**

b) Alternatively, a dissertation (100 credits EDSA7900) without the elective modules in the second year

2nd year electives

EDSF7905 Rural and Agrarian Development

EDSG7905 Gender and Development

EDSH7905 Tourism and Development

EDSI7905 Entrepreneurship and Development

EDSJ7905 Human Settlement in Developing Context

EDSK7905 Local Economic Development

EDSL7900 Health and Development

EDSM7905 Conflict and Development

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