International Development

Be true to you
Master of International Development

Program Code: MC211
Campus: City campus, Online

Duration:
2 years full-time or 4 years part-time.
* A shorter duration is available for students with a bachelor degree from specified disciplines. Please see Entry Requirements.

2016 Tuition Fee
Full-Fee Places
$19,200 per year full-time.
Please refer to Fees Explained.

Exit Points
GDO66 – Graduate Diploma in International Development

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Student Profile
“I love the way RMIT strives to build relationships with industry by promoting and supporting students through internships, events, research placements and career opportunities. I also love the convenience of the city campus.

“I enjoyed working as a team to plan and design an upskill vocational training program to decrease high school drop-out rates in a region of the Philippines, where many parents do not see the benefit in prioritising education. “Studying development has changed my life in so many positive ways. This program will open your mind to the way the world works and take you to places you’ve never imagined.”

Megan Giles (cover)
Master of International Development

Investigate complex political, social and economic issues through this innovative program, which prepares graduates for a global career in international development.

This program is suitable for current and aspiring development professionals wanting a global career that makes sense of the bigger picture.

As a graduate, you will have unique insights into the dynamics of change around the world, especially in developing countries and marginalised communities. Career avenues exist in Australia and overseas in the development and public sector and past graduates have been successful in finding work with a wide range of local and overseas development agencies.

You may also use this program as the first step in advancing to PhD research by taking courses in research and completing a minor thesis.

Learning and Teaching
Flexible Study Options
This program is designed to accommodate students who are currently working, with flexible study options including evening classes, intensive workshops and access to online resources.

The program is offered on campus and online. All core courses and some electives are offered online.

Time Commitment
Full-time students will attend approximately eight to 12 hours of classes per week, as well as intensive workshops on some weekends. A significant amount of self-directed extra study and research time is also expected.

Program Structure
Through a combination of core and elective courses you will examine the uneven distribution of human wellbeing, social opportunity and economic wealth across the globe.

You will complete the following core courses:
- Global Governance
- Theories of Development
- Gender Issues in Development
- International NGOs, Civil Society and Development
- Learning and Participation in Development
- International Project Planning and Design
- Introduction to Development Economics
- International Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation
- Governance and Democracy in Developing Countries
- Practical Ethics for International Development
- International Development Research Project or Minor Thesis

Elective courses are available in a variety of disciplines across RMIT that explore the international dimensions of:
- urban planning
- environmental management
- justice and security
- policy and advocacy
- disaster and humanitarian assistance

Industry Connections
RMIT is a world leader in research in globalism and international development issues and supports a number of research projects and networks that maintain wider links with local and global communities. RMIT research centres include the Centre for Global Research and the Global Cities Research Institute.

You will have opportunities to undertake self-selected internships and/or field projects and design, implement and evaluate your own projects as well as simulated activities that represent real workplace scenarios.

Past students have undertaken industry placements and research with the former Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) program, the United Nations (UN), international NGOs, charities and philanthropic organisations, and with Indigenous and local community groups within Australia, Africa, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region.

Networking Opportunities
This is a career-oriented program, with many students already working in the field. As such, there will be opportunities to develop professionally through shared knowledge and networks, with the potential to find related employment after, or even before, graduating.

Thought leaders working in international development are regularly brought in as guest lecturers to provide you with knowledge of current best practice and prepare you to apply your skills immediately in your chosen career.

Entry Requirements
An Australian bachelor degree or its equivalent. Applicants with significant work experience may also be considered. Applicants applying for entry on the basis of work experience must include a CV and direct applicant statement detailing their experience with their application.

If you have successfully completed a bachelor degree majoring in international studies, international relations, politics, political science, sociology, social work, international community development, history or anthropology, you may be eligible for one semester credit, shortening the duration to one-and-a-half years full-time or three years part-time. This will be determined upon application.
How to Apply

Direct Application
Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct.

Semester 1 timely applications for coursework programs open on Open Day (9 August) and are due by 10 November.*
Semester 2 (Midyear) applications open 1 May and are due by 31 May.*
*Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Fees Explained

Full-Fee Places
Students in full-fee places are required to pay a tuition fee that covers the full tuition costs of their program. The tuition fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. Financial assistance may be available through the FEE-HELP scheme (see right for details).

Only students who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or hold an Australian Permanent Resident Visa are eligible for a domestic full-fee place. Students who do not meet these citizenship and residency requirements may be offered a place as an onshore international student.

Fees for 2016 are listed under each program in this booklet or visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees from October 2015.

Other Fees and Expenses
In addition to tuition fees, you will be charged a student services and amenities fee (SSAF), which is indexed annually. Eligible students can defer payment of the fee through SA-HELP. For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/ssaf.

You may also be required to purchase items related to your program, including field trips, specified textbooks and equipment. These expenses vary from program to program.
For more information visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees.

Financial Assistance

Scholarships
Before you let financial constraints or living arrangements get in the way of your decision to study, find out about the range of RMIT scholarships available.
Coursework Scholarships Office
Tel. +61 3 9925 2811
Email: scholarships@rmit.edu.au
www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships

FEE-HELP
FEE-HELP is an optional loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay all or part of their tuition fees. To learn more about FEE-HELP visit www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/helploans/fee-help.

Income Support
The Australian Government has approved this postgraduate program for student income support payments. The list of approved programs is available at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees/highered/masters.
To check your eligibility for student income support or rent assistance, please contact Centrelink or visit www.humanservices.gov.au.

Income Tax Deductions
Students may be eligible to apply for income tax deductions relating to the education expenses that are linked to their employment. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website at www.ato.gov.au provides guidance on the taxation treatment of your fees.

International Students
For information on fees, selection requirements and how to apply, please go to the program information on the RMIT website at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/mc211 (CRICOS code 079979K).

Student Profile

“The Master of International Development has given me the theoretical grounding to be able to navigate my way through the complexities and subtle nuances at play in the field of development, as well as an understanding of how to practically implement ideas in varying contexts.

“It encouraged me to think critically about my position as a practitioner – to reflect and learn on the move and to encourage others to do so too.”

Alex Snow
Master of International Development

Students explore the dynamics of change and redevelopment while on a study tour to Mexico City. Photography by Luisa Mirabilio.
Why Postgrad?

A Competitive Edge
Employment opportunities increase by 85% after completing a postgraduate qualification.*

Increase Your Earnings
On average, a postgraduate qualification will up your long-term earnings by more than 15%.

Turn Career Dreams into Reality
Almost 50% of people feel like they are in the wrong career.* A postgraduate qualification will empower you to follow your passion.

Why RMIT?

1. Take your career to the next level
RMIT was ranked 79th in the world by global employers for graduate employability in the 2014 QS World University Rankings.

2. Flexibility that works for you
40% of RMIT’s 11,700 postgraduate students study part-time with many flexible learning options.

3. Broaden your horizons
RMIT offers exchange opportunities at over 200 institutions across 41 countries.

4. Open doors to worldwide opportunities
RMIT has over 200 research collaborations with overseas partners and industry. RMIT graduates are employed in more than 100 countries around the world.

5. Transform the future through research
RMIT is ranked as one of the top five Australian universities for excellence in key research disciplines, and was awarded more than $19 million in research funding in 2014.

6. Education that packs a punch for your prospects
RMIT is ranked as one of the world’s top 35 universities for key subject areas in the 2015 QS World University Rankings.

The information in this guide is specific to Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia.

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