DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

UNISA’S NEW APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PHASES

APPLICATION PHASE

First-time students at UNISA must apply for admission on the prescribed form which is to be submitted together with the correct application fees, as well as the documents required for registration. Apply on-line: http://www.unisa.ac.za/Default.asp?Cmd=ViewContent&ContentID=16832 or contact the UNISA Contact Centre at 0861670411 / 0116709000.

Once the data has been recorded the system will allocate a student number which will be confirmed via e-mail, sms or mail depending on the contact details indicated on your application form. A registration package containing the relevant information brochure(s) and registration form will be mailed to you.

Students who already have a UNISA student number proceed directly to the registration phase.

REGISTRATION PHASE

Once a student number has been allocated to an individual, this student number will remain his/her student number at UNISA for all formal qualifications

Honours students may apply on-line for registration after the registration period for the particular academic year has opened.

However, master’s and doctoral students cannot apply on-line and are advised to submit their applications directly to UNISA Muckleneuk Campus, P O Box 392, UNISA, 0003. Regional offices can only forward master’s and doctoral applications to the Muckleneuk Campus.
The registration form together with the minimum instalment required for registration must be submitted before the relevant closing date. Students must please take note that certain degrees are by selection and have earlier closing dates than the normal registration closing dates. Any documents required for registration submitted must be included here, if not previously submitted.

**Kindly note that only original transcripts of academic records issued by the Registrar of the University/Institution concerned are accepted for registration purposes. Degree certificates should not be submitted.**

All applications for master's and doctoral degrees will be referred to the Section: Senior Qualifications where they will be assessed before being referred to the relevant academic department where the Executive Committee will rule on admission.

If approved, students who have submitted their complete application (i.e. all required documents and minimum fees) will automatically be registered after admission has been approved. Other students will be informed of any remaining conditions to be complied with in order to finalise their registration. All other students will be informed of the outcome of their applications and, where applicable, the minimum study fees paid will be refunded.

The process outlined above may be time consuming in some cases, especially when we approach the various closing dates when most applications are invariably submitted. It is, therefore, essential that prospective students apply well in advance, especially where deadlines set by employers and sponsors have to be met.
INFORMATION REGARDING POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Thank you for your enquiry about postgraduate studies in Development Studies. Details of advanced studies in this department are given in this brochure.

Consult Part 1 of the Calendar and the Information Brochure regarding the general rules for admission to postgraduate studies, documents which must accompany an application for admission, number of papers for which students must register, reregistration, duration of study, applications for cancellation, and so on.

This brochure contains detailed information of what we expect from you when you apply to register for the honours, master’s or doctoral programme. The following topics are covered in this brochure:

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HONOURS BA, HONS BA(SS) AND HONOURS BAdmin DEGREES

Admission requirements for Honours BA, Hons BA(SS) and Honours BAdmin
To be admitted, students must hold a bachelor’s degree and have passed the final-level modules with an average of at least 60%.

New registrations for Honours degrees will be considered from early November until the end of February. Please consult the Information Brochure or UNISA’S website for details and final registration date (http://www.unisa.ac.za) or contact UNISA’S Contact Centre at telephone number 0861 670 411 or internationally +27 11 670 9000.

Structure of tuition
Teaching is done by means of distance education. Students are guided through a structured learning experience by means of prescribed and recommended study material for self-tuition.

Choice of papers
The curriculum comprises five papers. DVADEBT is compulsory. A student, who wishes to continue with a master’s degree in Development Studies, must choose the research methodology paper (PSY471S), which is offered by the Department of Psychology.

The papers are as follows:

Paper 1: Contemporary development debates and issues (DVADEBT) (Compulsory)

Paper 2: Governance and development (DVAGOVJ)
Paper 3: Human security and development (DVASECF)
Paper 4: Sustainable development: policy, practice and environment (DVASUS4)
Paper 5: Gender and development (GENDEVY)
Paper 6: Research methodology (PSY471S)

A student who wishes to continue with a master’s degree in Development Studies, must choose the research methodology paper (PSY471S), which is offered by the Department of Psychology.

DOCUMENTS STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT

NB: All documents indicated below must be submitted simultaneously and be sent to:

The Registrar
Attention: Student Admissions and Registrations
PO Box 392
UNISA
0003

Only complete applications will be considered.

To be considered for admission to the Honours degree in Development Studies, you should provide the following:

1. the correctly completed UNISA registration form, with your choice of papers for the year
2. a certified copy of your Bachelors certificate
3. an original transcript of your full academic record, showing an average of 60% or above in your third year
THEMES FOR MASTER’S AND DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Currently there are five research themes in the department. The department welcomes research proposals based on these broad themes. Your research proposal, which forms part of your application to be admitted to either master’s or doctoral studies, needs to include a section explaining how the proposed study ties in with one of the themes listed below. To be considered the proposal needs to demonstrate that the chosen topic is addressed in a manner that critically engages with the most recent literatures and debates on the topic and that critically takes into account the contextual realities surrounding the topic.

Contemporary debates and issues
Themes such as: the political economy of global development; the developmental state and East Asia; current development theories; global value chains; informational capitalism; water politics

Governance and development
Themes such as: challenges of governance in development; development assistance; globalisation and local development; development collaboration and coordination

Human security and development
Themes such as: Theories of human security; sustainable livelihoods; famine and food security; children at risk; post-conflict development; disaster relief; forced migration

Sustainable development
Themes such as: the global environmental crisis; current theories and debates of sustainable development; indigenous environmental knowledge and development; development and conservation; grassroots environmental movements
Gender and development
Themes such as: feminisation of poverty; mainstreaming gender in development; gender and the Millennium Development Goals; gendered development practices and discourses; theories of gender and development

MA, MA(SS) AND MAdmin DEGREES IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

To be considered for admission, a student must hold an honours degree and have passed the honours papers with an average of at least 60%. Students who did not pass a research methodology paper in their honours degree with 60% or more must in addition pass the paper on research methodology, PSY471S for non-degree purposes, offered by the Department of Psychology, with 60% or more.

Applicants must hold either

(a) an honours degree in Development Studies/ Administration/ Management or its equivalent

or

(b) any other honours degree, or a four-year bachelor’s degree.

A student in this category

• must pass the following honours papers in Development Studies with an average of 60% or above for non-degree purposes: Contemporary development debates and issues (DVADEBT) and Human security and development (DVASECF).

Admission rests with the Chair of the Department.
Registration date for MA, MA(SS) and MAdmin degrees

Please consult the Information Brochure or UNISA’s website for details and registration date (http://www.unisa.ac.za) or contact the Directorate Students Admissions and Registrations: Senior Qualifications Section at:

E-mail: MandD@unisa.ac.za
Tel: +27-(0)12-441-5702
Fax: +27-(0)12-429-4150

CURRICULUM FOR THE RESEARCH MASTERS

The curriculum comprises a dissertation on an approved topic. Please see the list of themes for master’s and doctoral research proposals in this brochure.

From January 2010 all master's and doctoral students are required to register for and complete a research module before registration for the dissertation/thesis can be finalised.

NB: If a student has not successfully completed a paper on research methodology at honours level, he/she must register and complete for non-degree purposes the honours paper Research methodology (PSY471S) offered by the Department of Psychology in the first year of registration.
**DOCUMENTS THAT THE STUDENT MUST SUBMIT**

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<th>In order to expedite you application for master's study, the following documents must be submitted:</th>
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<td>1. the registration form (remember to indicate your proposed topic or field of study for the dissertation)</td>
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<td>2. an original transcript of your full (complete) academic record from previous institutions/universities where you graduated, stating all papers passed and percentages obtained</td>
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<td>3. a research proposal of three to five pages for your proposed master's dissertation, stating the background to the proposed study, the problem statement, your proposed methodology, and a focussed 15-item bibliography. Please see the list of themes for master's and doctoral research proposals in this brochure.</td>
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DOCTORAL DEGREES: DLitt et Phil, DPhil and DAdmin IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

To be considered for admission, a student must either

(a) hold a research Master's degree in Development Studies/Administration/Management and have passed the research Master's dissertation with at least 60%

or

(b) hold a research Master's degree in another subject and have passed the research Master's dissertation with at least 60%

and

• pass the following honours papers in Development Studies with an average of 60% for non-degree purposes: Contemporary development debates and issues (DVADEBT) and Human security and development (DVASECF).

Students who hold a coursework Master's (under either category (a) or (b) above) and who have obtained an average of at least 60% can be considered at the discretion of the CoD. The coursework Master's should include a research component (dissertation of limited scope) with a weight of at least 50% of the degree.

Admission rests with the Chair of the Department.

Please note: you may register for a DLitt et Phil degree only if you hold an MA degree; for a DAdmin only if you hold an MAdmin degree and for a DPhil only if you hold a Social Science master's degree.
Curriculum

The curriculum comprises a research proposal module and a thesis on an approved topic. Please see the list of themes for master’s and doctoral research proposals in this brochure.

Registration date for DLitt et Phil, DPhil and DAdmin

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To be considered for admission to the doctoral programme in Development Studies, you should provide the following:

1. the correctly completed UNISA registration form, including the proposed title or study area for your thesis
2. a certified copy of your master's certificate
3. an original transcript of your full academic record, showing an average of above 60% in your master's degree. The transcript or another official document must show that you did a dissertation comprising at least 50% of the master's programme
4. a copy of your master's dissertation
5. a conduct certificate issued by your previous University
6. a research proposal of three to five pages for your proposed doctoral thesis, stating the background to the proposed study, the problem statement, your proposed methodology, and a focussed 15-item bibliography. Please see the list of themes for master’s and doctoral research proposals in this brochure.

If you wish to use the UNISA library to compile your research proposal you may contact Ms Annemarie Strydom (tel 012 429-3641 and e-mail: astrydom@unisa.ac.za) of the UNISA library to apply for temporary membership.

DURATION OF STUDIES

You determine the pace of your progress. Nevertheless, honours studies normally take two years, master's studies three years and studies for a doctoral degree four years.

Students must register from year to year by a stipulated date. Reregistration is annually subject to the recommendation of the Department of Development Studies and may be refused in any year on the grounds of inadequate progress.
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