

Faculty of Social Sciences and International Relations

Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies (BA in Development Studies)

I. Why Choose this Program?

The Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies (BA in Development Studies) program was designed to:

1. Receive a rigorous interdisciplinary education drawing on economics, sociology, political science, environmental studies, psychology, and public policy to understand complex development challenges.
2. Engage with major development theories and contemporary policy frameworks, including modernization theory, dependency theory, political economy approaches, and sustainable development.
3. Connect academic knowledge to real-world development practice through applied coursework, field research, and community-oriented learning.
4. Understand Cambodia's national development priorities and the UN Sustainable Development Goals within both local and global contexts.
5. Develop strong analytical, research, and professional communication skills grounded in ethical conduct, reflective practice, and evidence-based reasoning.
6. Prepare for careers in government, international organizations, NGOs, research institutions, and the private sector across Cambodia and the broader region.

II. Future Career Prospects

Graduates from this program will be able to pursue careers such as:

1. Development planner, policy analyst, or program officer in government ministries and public agencies focused on poverty reduction and social policy.
2. Program coordinator, monitoring and evaluation specialist, or project officer at international development organizations such as the United Nations, World Bank, or Asian Development Bank.
3. Community development officer, advocacy specialist, or humanitarian program coordinator in NGOs and civil society organizations.
4. Research associate or policy analyst at think tanks, academic institutions, and development research centers applying social science methods to policy and practice.
5. Corporate social responsibility officer, social impact analyst, or sustainability consultant in the private sector.
6. Graduate student in development studies, public policy, international affairs, economics, or related fields at universities in Cambodia and abroad.

III. Course Structure

The four-year program consists of **120 credits** and is structured to provide students with a comprehensive academic foundation through a well-balanced curriculum of foundation, functional, pre-major, and major courses.

To fulfill the graduation requirements, students must successfully complete the following coursework:

YEAR 1		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
English I: Reading and Composition + Lab	4	Required
Gender Studies	3	Required
Khmer Studies	3	Required
Digital Literacy + Lab	4	Required
English II: Reading and Composition + Lab	4	Required
History of Cambodia	3	Required
Environmental Science	3	Required
Introduction to Political Science	4	Required
YEAR 2		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
Personal Growth and Development	4	Required
ASEAN Government, Politics and Economics	4	Required
Logic and Critical Thinking	3	Required
Introduction to Development Studies	3	Required
Introduction to Law	3	Required
Introduction to Social Psychology	3	Required
Social Change in Modern Society	3	Required
Psychology of Motivation and Leadership	3	Required
Organizational Communication and Dispute Resolution	3	Required

YEAR 3		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
Introduction to Public Policy and Administration	3	Required
International Organizations	3	Required
Macroeconomic Principles	3	Required
Aid, Trade, and Development	3	Required
Behavioral Foundations of Public Policy	3	Required
Public Policy Analysis	4	Required
Urban Development and Planning	3	Required
Environmental and Sustainable Development	3	Required
Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4	Required
YEAR 4		
Course Title	Credits	Priority
Political Sociology and Ideology	3	Required
Community Psychology	3	Required
Political Psychology	3	Required
Human Security: Power, Politics, and Perils	3	Required
Power and Social Change	3	Required
Political Economy of Development	3	Required
Poverty and Social Issues	3	Required
The Politics and Economics of Globalization	3	Required
Project Management	4	Required
GRADUATION PATH		
Option I: Senior Project	6	Required
Option II: Internship + Exit Exam	6	Required

****Note:** Graduation Path: Students choose only **ONE** option.*