International Development (Governance and Statebuilding) with Internship MSc/GDip

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The International Development Department is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity to undertake the **MSc in Governance and State-building (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/govsoc/international-development-governance-state-building.aspx)** , followed by a six-month internship at IDD and six months with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation in London with a full scholarship. Applicants must have the equivalent of a first class UK bachelors degree and be African nationals domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. Preference will be given to scholarship candidates living in Sub-Saharan Africa. **More information about the Mo Ibrahim Foundation scholarship (/Documents/college-social-sciences/government-society/idd/ibrahim-msc-scholarship.pdf)** .

Course fact file

Type of Course: Taught

Study Options: Full time

Duration: MSc: 2 year full-time (6 months of which is within the Foundation as an intern)

Start date: September

Related courses

International Development (Governance and Statebuilding) MSc/GDip (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-development-governance-state-building.aspx)

Contact

*Got a question? **Find your answers here (http://bham.hobsons.co.uk/ask.aspx?cid=1223&did=24)** .*

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Details

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This programme explores the issues of governance, state-building and development from an interdisciplinary standpoint, combining the theoretical rigour of political science and the practical experience of development. The good governance agenda that has emerged occurs now increasingly alongside the current debate on state-building, which encompasses issues such as accountability and transparency, corruption, conflict, political settlement, human rights, participation, access to justice, and democratisation.

Governance and state-building are of particular interest to governments, non-governmental organisations and development agencies, as well as to a growing and vibrant academic community.

The programme

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The pathway for the Foundation scholarship comprises the following modules:

- **Critical Approaches to Development (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/critical-approaches-development.aspx)** (20 credits)
- **Governance and State Building in Developing Countries (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/governance-state-building-developing-countries.aspx)** (20 credits)
- Social Research Methods II (20 credits)
- One of the following four modules (20 credits):
    - **Development Politics (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/development-politics.aspx)**
    - **Development Management (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/development-management.aspx)**
    - **Conflict in Developing Countries (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/conflict-developing-countries.aspx)**
    - **Post Conflict Reconstruction and Development (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/post-conflict-reconstruction-development.aspx)**
- **Choice of optional modules (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/courses/masters-modules.aspx)** (40 credits) – choose from over 25 IDD modules plus others from across the University
- **Dissertation (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/modules/dissertation-idd.aspx)** (60 credits) – in depth focus on a topic of particular interest, with support from a supervisor. This may involve overseas fieldwork in a country chosen by the candidate.

More information on: **International Development MSc (with specialist pathways) (/postgraduate/courses/taught/govsoc/international-development.aspx)**

Why study this course

The International Development Department is well-regarded internationally by sponsors, donor agencies, governments and NGOs. Study with us to benefit from:

- Expertise in key issues and skills valued by employers
- A vibrant, welcoming community
- **Individual overseas fieldwork (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/teaching/fieldwork.aspx)** or study visit included in fees (on-campus programmes)
- Flexible programmes and a **wide choice of modules (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/courses/masters-modules.aspx)** (part-time students also welcome)
- A diverse and international student body
- Strong support in study and English language skills

Each programme is taught by a team of multi-disciplinary specialists who work closely with students to address individual interests and concerns. Every student is allocated an academic tutor to support them in their academic progress throughout the year. The department has a long history of teaching students from across the world, and recent students have come from 99 different countries and a wide variety of professional and academic backgrounds.

Fees and funding

Fees for 2015 - 16:

- International full-time: £14,140

Please check with the Department for the latest fees information.

The scholarship

The scholarship includes:

1. Full tuition fee
2. Air fare to and from the United Kingdom and visa
3. Monthly stipend of £920 for 18 months
4. Arrival allowance of £920

The remaining six months for the internship will be funded directly to the successful candidate by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation.

Learn more about **fees and funding (/postgraduate/pgt-fees/index.aspx)**

Entry requirements

Eligibility

The entry requirements consist of:

- 1st Class Honours degree or equivalent from an approved university.
- Adequate capacity in written and spoken English. For those whose first language is not English, evidence of this capacity is required. Applicants should reach at least level 6.5 in the IELTS. Please check the University website for more information on English language requirements.
- Experience in economics and statistics, demonstrated through a good mark received for at least one course at undergraduate level.
- Applicants must be African nationals domiciled (or permanent residents) in an African country. Preference will be given to scholarship candidates living in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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How to apply

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Learning and teaching

Learning, teaching and assessment

The programme uses a range of learning and teaching methods including short lectures, group work, group and individual presentations, individual study and exercises. Each module is assessed differently using assessments that include 2,000–3,000 word essays, group projects, presentations, exercises and exams. A 10,000–12,000 word dissertation is also required for the MSc award.

By the end of your study you will gain:

- An in-depth understanding of competing development theories – their origins, their continuities and their differences – and the ability to critically evaluate their strengths and weaknesses
- Understanding of the emergence of the good governance agenda in the past decade and a half and its place within the current debate on state-building
- In depth appreciation of aspects of good governance, specifically dealing with political development, accountability and transparency, corruption, human rights, participation, and access to justice
- An ability to analyse these issues in the context of different types of states, including both 'resilient' and 'failed' states, and different levels of civic engagement
- Knowledge of the theory of the emergence of 'governance states', states that are evolving to suit the good governance agenda, supported by donors, rather than evolving to suit the needs of citizens themselves
- Writing skills to produce well structured and coherent essays and reports, making good use of references
- Oral presentation skills
- Ability to access material from different sources including policy documents and other publications from governments and international organisations, documents from the internet, and from books and academic journals
- The capacity to interpret and make use of material from the above sources

Fieldwork

Gain first-hand experience of development concepts plus **valuable work experience without additional costs**. This Masters degree enable students either to carry out **individual fieldwork (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/teaching/fieldwork.aspx)** in a country and on a topic of their choice or to take part in an organised study visit. Funding for this overseas study is included in the programme fee.

Enhancing your Student Experience

In the School of Government and Society we offer much more than a degree. As a student here, whether undergraduate or postgraduate, **you have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of events (/schools/government-society/teaching/enhancing-student-experience/index.aspx)** , with some or all of the costs paid for by the School.

Some of these are targeted to help you build skills and experience for your CV, others are more open events designed to expose you to high-level speakers on current debates relevant to all G&S students.

Facilities

Departments from across the School of Government and Society are all based within the recently refurbished Muirhead Tower. Following a £50million refurbishment, Muirhead Tower offers **state-of-the-art teaching and research study facilities** including free wifi throughout the building and dedicated study areas for postgraduate research students.

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Muirhead Tower comprises 12,000sq.m of floor space between two towers. The tower includes a number of sustainable features including solar shading (known in the trade as brise soliel) to control temperatures, as well as low energy fans; timed lighting to reduce energy waste; natural ventilation systems and a heat source taken from the University's combined heat and power generator.

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The space has been designed to create modern, **attractive spaces for teaching and research** accommodating 150 academic offices, 230 "hubs" for post graduate research students, teaching rooms for up to 100 people and a 200 seat lecture theatre.

Employability

Careers

The programme is designed for recent graduates preparing to work in international development and for professionals working for NGOs, donor or government funded development programmes

Alumni

Currently more than 3,800 **IDD alumni (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/index.aspx)** have taken their knowledge and experience to over 148 countries around the globe and are working in a variety of jobs in the public, private and voluntary sector.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of our alumni; many of them have gone on to do fantastic things post graduation including **Concy Aciro (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/postgraduate/2011-12/aciro-concy.aspx)** (MSc Poverty Reduction, 2007) who won the University's alumna of the year award in 2008.

As a Member of Parliament and a leader, I will continue to use the skills and knowledge I acquired during my time at Birmingham and I am sure the experience will continue to support my efforts as both a Member of Parliament and in leading my constituents." **Concy Aciro (2009)**

See what some of **our alumni (/schools/government-society/departments/international-development/alumni/profiles/index.aspx)** are doing now and what they thought about studying with us at IDD.

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