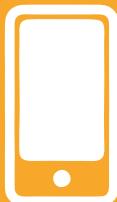




Palacký University
Olomouc



Department of Development Studies





The Faculty of Science building



About Palacký University Olomouc

Palacký University, established in 1573, is one of the leading centres of teaching and research in the Czech Republic. It comprises eight faculties at the present time and offers degrees in a wide range of disciplines, including medicine and other natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, as well as legal education. In the recent years, one of the highest priorities of the University is to strengthen international cooperation with other higher education institutions. Up to date, more than 1 700 international students study at Palacký University.

Palacký University is located in historical but dynamic city of Olomouc. The town itself is very old and picturesque and it is surrounded by sports facilities and nature. The city of Olomouc is well-known for its high density of university students: over 24 000 students in the city of 100 000 inhabitants make Olomouc the city with the highest density of university students in Central Europe.

About Department of Development Studies

The International Development Studies programme is one of the first of its kind in the Czech Republic and in the region of Central and Eastern Europe. With more than one decade of experience in the field of development studies, the Department offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in International Development Studies taught in Czech. The department of International Development Studies also offers a master programme in International Development Studies taught in English and bachelor programme in Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development taught in Czech.



About the International Development Studies Master Programme

Master's programme International Development Studies taught in English is first of its kind in the Czech Republic and in the region of Central and Eastern Europe and is open to students from all parts of the world.

It is a two-year, full-time programme designed not only for bachelor students with development studies background but also for students from related fields who are interested in international development.

The programme provides students with key knowledge and skills for a deeper understanding of problems affecting developing countries and the policies of international development, including the skills for qualitative and quantitative research. Study plan is based on four main pillars:

- Theoretical background – seven compulsory courses and three seminars
- Methodological background – choice between quantitative and qualitative methods
- Regional orientation – two courses applying theoretical knowledge to regional opportunities of development (students can choose from four regions: Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Middle East and Central Asia).
- Practical focus – practically oriented elective courses, for example Project Management or Internship

Upon successful completion of the programme students will be equipped to work in the field of international development in public sector, private industry, as well as in governmental and non-governmental organizations at both national and international levels. Students can also find the opportunity to work as experts in projects run in low-income countries, especially organizing and administering the projects both in the donor and in the target country, in diplomatic service, or in academic sector.

Courses¹

	COMPULSORY (A)	ELECTIVE (B)
<i>Theoretical Basis</i>		
DEVELOPMENT AND GEOGRAPHY	Development Theories	Global Challenges
	Development Assistance	Development Challenges 1 and 2
	Geography of Globalization and Development	
	Political Geographical Processes in the Developing World	
ECONOMICS	Development Economics	International Political Economy of Development
ENVIRONMENT	Environmental Geography	Global Environmental Issues
	Sustainable Development	
REGIONS		Development Opportunities of Africa
		Development Opportunities of Latin America
		Development Opportunities of South and Southeast Asia
		Development Opportunities Central Asia and Middle East
METHODOLOGY		Quantitative Methods in Development
		Qualitative Methods in Development
PRACTICAL FOCUS		Project Cycle Management
		Evaluation of Development Projects
		Negotiation, Facilitation, Mediation
		Community Development and Participation
		Internship

¹Subject to changes, for actual information please consult www.development.upol.cz/ids



Admissions and Entry Requirements

Admissions

The programme is open to students from all around the world. The duration of the programme is 2 years. Annual fee is EUR 3 000.²

Entry Requirements³

- Successfully completed undergraduate degree (preferably in subjects relevant to international development; however, candidates with other specializations will also be considered)
- Good academic performance
- Two academic recommendations
- Motivation letter (max. 1 000 words)
- Structured curriculum vitae
- English language proficiency on B2 CEFR level (certified either by TOEFL, FCE or other internationally recognized certificate unless whole or part of the bachelor study was completed in English language)
- (Skype) call on request
- Completed application form

How to apply?

Fill in the application and send it with the above documents by 30 June of the respective year.³



Scholarships

University/Department Scholarships

The Merit Scholarship is granted once a year to students with very good results based on the average exam grades and credits received. The scholarship can amount up to EUR 3 000.

The Accommodation Scholarship can be awarded to students upon request. The scholarship is paid to students monthly, the total amount granted per academic year is approximately EUR 200.

Great opportunity that is designed to support student research projects in the field of the development cooperation is the Vavroušek Scholarship. For more information about this funding scheme, please see page 13.

Other Scholarships

A number of other scholarships are available to incoming students:

- Scholarship Awards under bilateral international agreements
- Government Scholarships
- Visegrad Fund scholarships
- Scholarships of the South Moravian Centre for International Mobility
- European and other programmes
- University scholarships.

Further details about these scholarships can be found at website studyin.cz.

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Students

Bejdžink

Each November students of the Department organize a truly unique event that shall be attended by any student who wants to become a real member of IDS community – “Bejdžink”. Different theme related to international development is presented every year (e.g. superheroes, sects, dealing with globalization etc.). According to the chosen topic every class prepares a short funny sketch expressing its perception of the given theme. Welcoming new IDS students with its traditional ritual that each freshman has to undergo has become an essential part of Bejdžink. This event is attended by all members of the Department of Development Studies including academic staff and graduate students.

Get-to-know Meeting for Freshmen

At the beginning of each winter term there is a get-to-know meeting organized for first-year students of both bachelor and master degree programmes. The purpose of this, usually a week-end-long meeting, is to get to know other students and academics. Participants also learn more about basic information related to the studies, department and about opportunities of internships and studies abroad. During the event, students meet interesting people and experts from the field who provide closer look on given development or environmental issues. Last but not least, there are also get-to-know activities and games included within the meeting.



Student and Graduate Testimonials

Marea Grinvald, Serbia, Master Programme

Studying at the Department of Development Studies enabled me not only to get a theoretical knowledge about current development issues all around the world but it also provided me with a unique opportunity to apply the gained knowledge on development projects in my home country. My passion and motivation for this field were deepened by each day spent at the Department.



Elizabeth Pellecer Rivera, Guatemala, Master Programme

Studying the International Development Studies programme has strengthened my theoretical knowledge and understanding of development dynamics in different regions of the world. One advantage is that the programme structure is flexible, offering elective courses that allow each student to focus on their own interests. Being in Olomouc has provided me with the opportunity of having an intercultural insight experience because you get to know people from all over the world.



Paulina Nakashole, Namibia, Ph.D. Programme

The study experience is excellent. It broadens your mind and gives you a different perspective on global development issues. The professors are friendly and always willing to help students. I believe in a prosperous future because I am given the opportunity to study here.



Mónica Aguilar López, Honduras, Master Programme

International Development Studies in Olomouc was a door open for learning about multiculturalism, diversity, nature and sustainable development. With IDS I got the tools to work in my current job: I am the Social Management Officer in a Wind Farm in Southern Honduras. I work with the communities around the project, the local government and keep in touch with the financial entity that is supporting the project.



Grace Eshiet, Nigeria, Master Programme

Having worked in development field for a while, my desire to bridge my practical with theoretical knowledge and skills led to my application for the International Development Studies Program. So far, it is highly professional with specialized fields. And for me, it is the right platform to enhance my competences in order to work better and impact on more lives in communities in Nigeria!



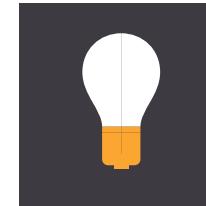


International Opportunities

ERASMUS programme

The Department of Development Studies significantly supports international student mobility. Within the ERASMUS+ and ERASMUS MUNDUS programmes, our students may spend up to 12 months at chosen cooperating university abroad. This opportunity deepens the international experience which is a necessary precondition for a work in the field of international development. All the credits and exams acquired and accomplished abroad are accepted by the Department of Development Studies. The Department of Development Studies is currently cooperating with more than 20 universities listed below:

Utrecht (Netherlands), Ghent (Belgium), Oslo (Norway), Malmö (Sweden), Istanbul (Turkey), Wrocław (Poland), Helsinki (Finland), Montpellier (France), Clermont-Ferrand (France), Grenoble (France), Fort de France (France – Martinique), Nouméa (France – New Caledonia), Warsaw (Poland), Huelva (Spain), Granada (Spain), Madrid (Spain), Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Spain), Vienna (Austria), Aarhus (Denmark), Torino (Italy), Alicante (Spain), Brussels (Belgium)



Vavroušek Scholarship

The Vavroušek scholarship is an initiative of the Department of Development Studies of the Faculty of Science in Olomouc. It is provided to students of bachelor and master programmes of the International Development Studies. The aim of the scholarship is to support study abroad, internships and research projects in the field of the development cooperation. Many students use the experience and data collected during their stay abroad and internships as the basis for their bachelor or master theses.

The applicant has to prove that he/she has the sufficient resources to finance the costs above the amount provided by the scholarship and sign „the Memorandum of Understanding“ in order to fulfil the condition under which the scholarship may be granted.

Calls for scholarship applications open at the beginning of winter and summer academic term.

Field Trips

During the studies at the Department of Development Studies students may enrol in elective subject International Excursion to the developing regions or to an international institution and organization (Brussels, Strasbourg, Vienna, Bratislava, Geneva etc.) related to international development. The aim of the excursion is to provide deeper knowledge about the related issues which is partly mediated by discussions with local experts who provide student with information about internships or future job prospects. Excursions are designed for 5-10 days stay.

Except for the international excursions, the Department of Development Studies offers excursions into Czech institutions dealing with international affairs.

Cooperation with Foreign Lecturers

One of our highest priorities is cooperation with foreign academic departments where environmental studies programmes and programmes related to international development are offered. The aim of such cooperation is not only sharing experience and cooperation in research but also an effort to broaden the palette of courses taught within the Department or enlisting new issues presented by foreign lecturers.



Academics and Lectors



Assoc. Prof. Pavel Nováček

Pavel is head of the Department of Development Studies and founder of the International Development Studies programme, member of the Planning Committee of the Millennium Project and chairman of the Czech Association of the Club of Rome. Among his professional fields of interest are global environmental issues, sustainable development and foresight. He is the author or co-author of several books, for example Sustainable Development (2011), Marshall Plan for Haiti (2008), Indicators of Quality and Sustainability of Life (2004) and Crossroads of the Future (1999).



Mgr. Ing. Jaromír Harmáček, Ph.D.

Jaromír specializes in development economics as well as in social and economic statistics applied on development issues of low and middle income countries, with a special focus on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). He is a lecturer of the courses Quantitative Methods in Development and Development Economics. He is the author of academic articles focusing on the economic aspects of development.



Mgr. Simona Šafaříková, Ph.D.

Simona's work focuses on the development opportunities in different regions in Asia. She is also interested in the role of sport in development and the impacts of physical activities on solution of development problems. Further, she teaches the qualitative research methods and is involved in global education. She has already published several academic articles in the field of sport and development and she is the co-author of the Encyclopedia of Development Studies.



Mgr. Zdeněk Opršal, Ph.D.

Zdeněk is deputy head of department and specializes in topics related to environmental issues of developing countries as well as development issues (namely globalization and development cooperation). He is a lecturer of the courses Geography of Globalization and Development and Environmental Geography. He has written articles on factors of development assistance allocation, Commitment to Development Index and land cover changes.



Mgr. Miroslav Syrovátka, Ph.D.

Miroslav specializes in development economics, and development and environmental indicators. He is a lecturer of the course International Political Economy of Development that focuses on the role of developing countries in international eco-



MSc. B.A. Radovan Dluhý-Smith

Radovan has been engaged in development issues both theoretically and practically for the last two decades. He organized two development projects in Ecuador (recycling) and Mexico (reforestation) and researched urban farms in Cuba. He worked as a development consultant for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in Vienna and managed the EU representation office for the Olomouc Region in Brussels. Radovan received both undergraduate and graduate diplomas in the United States. He has been a lecturer at the Department of Development Studies since 2008.



Mgr. Lenka Dušková

Lenka focuses on issues of "conflict sensitive development" and the use of mediation and facilitation techniques in project management in fragile and/or post-conflict regions. She is a lecturer of courses on Security, Conflict and Development; Politico-geographical Processes in Developing Regions (good-governance). She also engages in Qualitative Research Methods in Development Research. She has edited and co-authored the publication Encyclopedia of Development Studies and papers dealing with security and development.



Mgr. Martin Schlossarek

Martin is a PhD student of International Development Studies. He specializes in the role of microfinance as a tool of poverty reduction and statistics applied on development issues of developing countries. He is a lecturer of a course Development Opportunities of Africa. He is professionally engaged in the field of development assistance as he is the head of NGO Maendeleo which focuses on provision of microcredits in Tanzania.



Mgr. Eva Komlossyová

Eva is currently a PhD student of International Development Studies and lecturer of the Project Cycle Management course. In her research she specializes in issues connected with peacebuilding interventions in post-conflict regions, primarily in the Western Balkans countries. Another field of Eva's expertise are methods used for evaluations of development and peacebuilding projects and programmes.



Historic centre of Olomouc



Selected Publications

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