

APPLICATION DETAILS

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According to an Irish Aid Review (2008), the "learning experience offered by Kimmage DSC is highly valued by students and graduates for a combination of reasons: the small size of Kimmage and its relatively intimate atmosphere; the nature of the student body, and its experience and diversity; the balance of theory and practice in both the techniques and content of the course...and the staff recognition of the importance and value of student input"



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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN A CHANGING WORLD

Development Studies addresses issues such as poverty and disadvantage, environmental change, political governance, social justice, globalisation and inequality.

These are among the many challenges facing development practitioners in an ever complex and changing world. How can development be imagined, managed and organised to meet the needs of all, especially the most marginalised in communities? This programme aims to provide the knowledge, skills and capacities to address these issues.

Kimmage DSC is responding to these challenges through its interdisciplinary and applied approach to development studies. The BA in Development Studies, which combines macro-level analysis with micro-level experience and application of development related skills, explores development both critically and dynamically.

BA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AT KIMMAGE DSC

The BA in Development Studies is designed to prepare participants for work in the community and voluntary sector in Ireland or internationally. It offers participants the opportunity to explore contemporary theories of social change and development and to critically analyse development policies and practices.

Kimmage DSC has provided courses in development studies since 1974 and has a strong reputation in Ireland and abroad. It offers an intercultural and experience-based learning environment where participants can learn from and build long lasting relationships and friendships with a diverse group of active and committed people. The ethos and identity of Kimmage DSC is embodied in a teaching approach based on participatory learning and critical thinking that seeks to empower participants.

Kevin MC Parland - "In Kimmage DSC, the facilitation styles and participatory approaches of the course tutors relies greatly upon tapping into the experience and skills of the participants in the programme. For me, such an approach to learning was crucial to achieving a holistic knowledge and critical understanding of complex and challenging development issues."

COURSE CONTENT

Through participation in the BA in Development Studies participants gain:

A Critical Understanding of Contemporary Development Issues - at local, national and international levels through courses such as:

- 1 Economic Development
- 2 Environment and Development
- 3 Political Studies
- 4 Sociology of Development
- 5 Gender and Development
- 6 Cultural Anthropology

Skills - in development planning, organisation and management, group facilitation and community development processes through courses such as:

1. Project Planning and Management
2. Community Development
3. Adult Education
4. Leadership and Group Dynamics
5. Human Development
6. Conflict Management

Research knowledge and experience - through undertaking an applied research project in a chosen specialised area in the development field.

MODE OF LEARNING, SCHEDULE AND DURATION

The BA programme runs over a period of two years and is divided into three stages. The programme is delivered through 'user friendly' methods, enabling participants to understand the complexities of development and to critically reflect on their experiences.

Course work is completed in the first academic year which runs from September to May. Participants undertake core programmes of study for example in, political and economic development and planning and management. They will also have the opportunity to specialise in electives such as ethics of development, microfinance and participatory planning tools. In year 2 participants engage in an applied research project, undertake a work experience placement, and are required to write up a final integration paper.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The programmes at Kimmage are suitable for attendance either on a full or *part time basis. Kimmage DSC has an admissions policy which validates the experience and prior learning of all candidates. Particularly welcome are those who have some experience of working in the community and voluntary sector in Ireland or abroad and have a desire to obtain qualifications to enable them to pursue a career in the broad field of development practice.

**Possible to attend individual subjects on a part-time basis. Courses may also be taken at night subject to demand*

VALIDATION

The BA in Development Studies is a Level 7 award under the Irish National Framework of Qualifications and is validated by the Higher Education Awards Council (HETAC) of Ireland (www.hetac.ie).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES and FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

Graduates of the BA programme have been successful in pursuing careers within international development, community development and development education sectors. A number of former BA students have successfully used the BA award as a stepping stone to further studies at Honours Degree and postgraduate/MA levels.

