

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 staff recognition of the importance and value of student input".



MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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Ana Mahe – graduate of Kimmage DSC - "Classes were always very interactive...this allowed space for discussion, reflection and cultural interaction... I especially liked the course's emphasis on sustainable and person-centred approaches to development"



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DEVELOPMENT STUDIES IN A CHANGING WORLD

Development Studies addresses poverty, climate change, food security, governance, human rights, HIV and AIDS, globalisation, justice, education, gender, inequality and empowerment.

These are among the many challenges facing development workers 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? What knowledge, skills and capacities are required by local government officials, NGO managers, policy makers and community workers?

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

MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AT KIMMAGE DSC

The MA in Development Studies is a postgraduate, professional education and training programme designed to prepare participants for work in development in a community, local government, youth/adult education or NGO setting. It offers participants an opportunity to explore contemporary theories of social change and development and to analyse development policies and practices. It builds skills, especially in relation to research, leadership and working with groups and in the planning, management and evaluation of development projects.

Kimmage DSC has provided courses in development studies since 1974 and it 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 pedagogical approach based on participatory learning and critical thinking that seeks to empower participants.

COURSE CONTENT

Through participation in the MA in Development Studies participants gain:

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

- Political Economy of Development
- Sociology and Anthropology of Development
- Gender Analysis
- Sustainable Livelihoods
- Human Rights

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

- Project Planning and Financial Management
- Leadership and Adult Education
- Human Development
- Conflict Management

Research Knowledge and Experience – undertaking primary social research in a chosen specialised area in the development field

MODE OF LEARNING, SCHEDULE AND DURATION

This 14 month full time postgraduate programme is delivered at Kimmage DSC through 'user-friendly' methods, enabling participants to understand the complexities of development and to critically reflect on their experience.

Course work is completed in the first 9 months of the programme (September - May), where all participants undertake core programmes of study, and where there are also opportunities to specialise, for example in areas such development planning and organisational management, human rights and conflict management, human development and facilitation skills, or climate change and sustainable livelihoods. In the second 5 months of the programme (June – October) participants undertake research and complete a minor dissertation on a development-related subject of their choice.

Alfred Thompson - "what we have experienced at Kimmage has been about "how to make a life", about changing the way we live, the way we work, indeed transforming the lives we live."

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The MA in Development Studies is designed for advanced level participants who hold a primary degree or equivalent qualifications and who have experience of working in a development context. Particularly welcome are leaders, facilitators and managers of community development projects, development agency staff, researchers, development educators, volunteers and activists. Some places are also retained for recent graduates who wish to study further before embarking on a career in development work.

VALIDATION

The MA in Development Studies is a Level 9 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

Graduates of this programme have gone on to work in areas such as health, environment, human rights, gender and development, agriculture and education. These include personnel in senior management positions in NGOs and in local government in Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Vietnam, and Zambia, UN staff and volunteers in Sierra Leone, Nepal, Afghanistan and Mozambique, community development facilitators in Peru, Liberia, Myanmar and Ireland, as well as human rights and peace activists in Pakistan, Tanzania and Sri Lanka.

