

# MSc International Development with Conflict and Humanitarian Action (THSP-AFM43)

## Course and Award Details

<b>Course title</b>	MSc International Development with Conflict and Humanitarian Action
<b>Route(s)</b>	MSc International Development with Conflict and Humanitarian Action
<b>Awarding body</b>	University of Bath
<b>Award</b>	Masters Degree not mainly by Research
<b>Award name</b>	Masters - Postgraduate Taught
<b>Course mode of delivery</b>	Full time
<b>Course length</b>	1 years
<b>Entry point</b>	September 2024
<b>Main location of study</b>	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
<b>Course-owning school/department</b>	Social & Policy Sciences

## Course Description

**Course Summary** Develop an in-depth understanding and specialist skills in contemporary development issues, peacebuilding, conflict analysis, and humanitarian response.

**Course Description** Throughout this course, you'll analyse the core global challenges of conflict and humanitarian crises and explore a variety of tools and approaches to respond effectively to the challenges they bring.

This course is influenced by Bath's longstanding engagement in conflict and humanitarian response. You'll critically assess real-world case studies to draw links across global, regional, national and local scales.

Whether you are a graduate aiming to pursue a development or humanitarian career in conflict-affected regions, or a professional wishing to deepen your knowledge and critical thinking, this course is for you.

>Watch our webinar about MSc International Development and its pathways(<https://vimeo.com/805064385>)

Different course pathways to specialise your skills

You have the choice of taking this specialist MSc in International Development with Conflict and Humanitarian Action course pathway or one of three other course pathways:

- MSc International Development(/courses/postgraduate-2024/taught-postgraduate-courses/msc-international-development-full-time/)
- MSc International Development with Economics(/courses/postgraduate-2024/taught-postgraduate-courses/msc-international-development-with-economics-full-time)
- MSc International Development, Social justice and Sustainability(/courses/postgraduate-2024/taught-postgraduate-courses/msc-international-development-social-justice-and-sustainability-full-time)

The selection of a distinct pathway allows you the flexibility to pursue areas that

interest you and are relevant to your career aspirations. Each pathway is available as full-time or part-time study.

Gain real-world experience with a work-based practicum

As an alternative to writing a dissertation, you'll have the opportunity to undertake an eight-week work-based practicum. This is your chance to gain practical experience to complement your studies.

During your practicum, you'll work with an organisation involved in international development. You'll use the experiences you'll gain to write an academic report reflecting on a particular area of professional practice as part of your assessment.

Some previous students have completed their practicum with:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- The Centre for Development Studies
- MicroSave Consulting
- EdUKaid
- The Washing Machine Project

Finding a practicum is your own responsibility. We can't guarantee practicum, but you will receive tailored support from our specialist team to help you find suitable opportunities.

Some practicums are paid, others cover expenses, and some are unpaid. Please see the budgeting section of this page for more details.

Learn from experts in their field

You'll learn from experts in international development, conflict resolution and humanitarianism, as well as staff in the wider Department of Social & Policy Sciences(/departments/department-of-social-policy-sciences) community. Their passion, knowledge, experience and research shape their teaching to enhance your learning experience.

Gain important career skills

Upon successful completion of this course, you'll leave with:

- an in-depth and interdisciplinary understanding of the theories and concepts that underpin contemporary humanitarian action and conflict response
- a critical understanding of humanitarian, peacebuilding and development policy and practice
- practical skills in research, analysis and communication and an understanding of how these can be applied to the fields of humanitarianism, conflict and development
- a rich experience of working with people from a wide range of disciplinary, professional and national backgrounds

Graduate prospects

This course provides an excellent background for those wishing to pursue careers in fields that aim to improve people's lives. These include the international development, sustainability, humanitarian and peacebuilding sectors.

You will be qualified to work in a wide variety of roles, including social research, public policy, public information and campaigning.

Graduates from our suite of International Development master's courses have gone on to secure the following roles:

- Senior Program Officer, Hashoo Foundation
- Relief Support Worker, United Response
- Analyst, Start Fund Bangladesh
- Programme Assistant, The Advocacy Team

- Fundraising Assistant, Refugee Cafe
- Director of Programmes for North West Syria, Mercy Corps
- Programme Specialist, African World Heritage Fund
- Operations and Finance Officer, The Washing Machine Project
- Local Ambassador to the World Trade Organisation

Other graduates have chosen to work for themselves and set up their own charities, while others have gone on to complete doctoral studies.

>Matthew Wilson graduated from MSc International Development at Bath in 2001. He's now Barbados' Ambassador to the United Nations, the World Trade Organization and other international organisations. Read more about his career and his experience at Bath(<https://blogs.bath.ac.uk/on-parade/2023/02/21/parade-profile-matthew-wilson-msc-international-development-2001/>).

**Contact hours**

You are expected to spend approximately 35-40 hours per week studying, with around 10 hours of this being structured classes.

This will be made up of a combination of lectures, seminars, and workshops. You will work as an individual and as part of small groups.

**Delivery methods**

The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course:

- Lectures
- Online resources
- Seminars
- Workshops
- Research project

**Assessment summary**

You'll experience a balance of different forms of assessment designed to support your professional development. This will be made up of coursework, including essays, reports, presentations, and group-based assessments, and a dissertation/final project.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities. Take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

**Assessment methods**

The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course:

- Coursework
- Essay
- Dissertation
- Presentations
- Report
- Visual or recorded presentation

**Budgeting statement**

You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement.

**Additional Costs**

If you receive an offer, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £1,000 when you accept to secure your place. This will be deducted from your tuition fee when you register.

When doing a work-based practicum, you (or your practicum provider) are responsible for your travel, accommodation and living costs. You should consider the financial implications if you choose to do an unpaid or overseas practicum.

The University of Bath's Centre for Development Studies offers a set of stipends to support students via its Bath Research into International Development (BRID) fund(/announcements/bath-research-in-international-development-brid-fund/). You'll be able to apply for this support once you join the course.

## Course Assessment Regulations

<b>Applicable Assessment Regulations</b>	Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations - <a href="https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/">https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/</a>
<b>Exemptions from Regulations</b>	Not specified
<b>Course Progression Requirements</b>	Not specified

## Course Structure

### Year 1

Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	SP00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
AY	SP52096	Doing research for international development	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	15	
S1	SP52094	Conflict, development and peacebuilding	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
S1	SP52099	History and theory of international development	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	15	
S2	SP52101	Humanitarianism	Part 4 Taught Designated Essential Unit	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
<b>S2</b>	<b>MSc Intl Dev CHA S2 optional units</b>					Select 1 module from this group in this period
	ED52028	Education and sustainable development	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	SP52098	Global political economy	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	SP52106	Management of international development	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
	SP52118	The politics and practice of sustainability	Part 4 Taught Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	10	
DIS	SP52095	Dissertation	PGT Project/Dis Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30	

### Additional rules for module selection

None

### Year 2

No units found

The availability of optional units is subject to constraints such as staff availability, minimum and maximum group sizes, and timetabling factors, as well as a student's ability to meet any pre-requisite rules.

### Learning Outcomes

**By the end of the course, you will be able to**

	Knowledge and Understanding	Intellectual Skills	Professional and Transferable Skills	Placement	Study Year Abroad
Understand the key theoretical and methodological frameworks which underpin the international development discourse and practice	✓				
Critically appreciate quantitative and qualitative research methods and their use in international development	✓				
Draw upon multi-disciplinary perspectives to address global challenges in a variety of cultural and political context		✓			
Summarise and synthesise written information from multiple sources to communicate with specialist and non-specialist audiences		✓			
Critically evaluate the origins and purposes of development and humanitarian models, as well as their appropriateness and effectiveness in theory and practice			✓		
Communicate complex data in a clear, ethical and rigorous way in a range of formats suitable for diverse professional and policy audiences			✓		
Design and systematically undertake an independent research project in in the subject area specific to their chosen pathway either in an academic or professional context	✓	✓	✓		

## Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

### Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit

Exit awards:

Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma

For further information see <https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/>

For information on possible named exit awards, please contact your Director of Studies

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