



DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Preparing you for a rewarding career in the international sector

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT READING



The study of international development has never been more important, as complex global problems affect our lives and many parts of the world are experiencing rapid social, economic and environmental change. Our programme explores critical issues relating to major global development issues, including the sustainability of the planet's resources, climate change and food security, and the politics of development. This offers you a unique interdisciplinary grounding in core development subjects with opportunity to specialise in topics of particular interest and relevance to future employment opportunities.



International mix



Study abroad



Professional experience

OUR COURSES

BSc International Development (L900)

3 years full-time

BSc International Development with Placement Year (L901)

4 years full-time

TYPICAL OFFER

UCAS tariff ABB

International Baccalaureate 32 points overall

BTEC Extended Diploma DDD

Other qualifications are considered and we welcome applications from mature students with relevant practical experience.

HOW TO APPLY

For full details on subject and grade requirements and how to apply, visit: reading.ac.uk/bsc-international-development



WHY READING?

- Join a School that is regularly ranked highly in league tables and is internationally recognised for its research expertise. When transferred to a teaching environment, this will enable you to gain a core skill set ready for work in the international development sector.
- Benefit from the wealth of multi-disciplinary expertise across the University, including geography, consumer studies, economics, politics and international relations, business, agriculture, and food and nutritional sciences.
- Build a portfolio of experience ready for employment - you will be encouraged to gain hands-on experience. Opportunities could include studying overseas, undertaking placements or going on field trips, directly exposing you to a range of real world development issues and experts. Learn from research active development practitioners who have excellent links to institutions and organisations all over the world, and many of whom are members of the Global Development Research Division and are research associates of the internationally renowned Walker Institute for Climate System Research or the Institute for Food, Nutrition & Health (IFNH). The IFNH reflects Reading's reputation as a lead institute in the area of food security, while The Walker Institute delivers world-leading research at the frontier of climate system science.

BREADTH AND DEPTH

Our degree incorporates a range of core modules that give you the breadth of knowledge development specialists need to succeed, and cover topics such as:

- Global and local development issues
- Approaches to international development
- Power and development
- The economic environment
- Global sustainability
- Histories, institutions and trajectories of development
- Research methods for development
- Professional practice



Optional modules allow you to follow your interests and gain more depth in your studies, covering topics such as:

- Food security and global issues
- Global justice, labour and development
- Corporate social responsibility
- Social and cultural geography
- Languages (through the Institution Wide Language Programme)

For a complete list, visit: reading.ac.uk/bsc-international-development

YOUR CAREER ASPIRATIONS

Our graduates find employment in a wide variety of development settings, including: aid agencies, charities, Non-Governmental Organisations, private sector and relevant government departments.

This programme is an excellent starting point for a career in international development, enabling you to identify your skill set, develop your interests, and build up a portfolio of work, volunteering, and experience to enhance employability and career options.

Learning based on a combination of the natural and social sciences, plus qualitative and quantitative methodological skills and understanding, will give you a competitive advantage in a sector that works on complex multi-scale global problems.

"The core content of the degree never fails to be relevant, engaging and to provide an empowering environment in which to discover new and old ideas about our constantly changing world. I believe this course is ideal for anyone who has strong convictions, values humanitarian action, and wants to play their part in making the world a better place!

Ryan Harnell, BSc International Development student

STUDY ABROAD

If you're interested in immersing yourself in a new culture and environment, our team can help you explore your options for a study abroad year as part of your degree. We have links with institutions in Australia, New Zealand, USA and Europe.

Students will be eligible if they meet specific criteria and if places are available in overseas institutions. For more information on Study Abroad at Reading visit:

studyabroad.reading.ac.uk/outgoing



The Department of International Development, based within the School of Agriculture, Policy and Development, is committed to empowering change through our teaching and research, with our academics working to tackle some of the world's most pressing issues.

Our mission is to make a difference in the context of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, so we offer a diverse range of modules giving you knowledge and skills that will enable you as an individual to have an impact and be part of global change, whatever your chosen pathway.



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Topics

Topics are provided as a taster of the areas of study that may be available on each course. Information is correct at the time of going to press (May 2023), for a list of compulsory (core) modules please check reading.ac.uk for the most up to date information.

Year abroad and placement fees

Some courses include an optional or compulsory year abroad or placement year. During this year you will only pay a partial fee which is currently set at 15% of the normal tuition fee. Check the website for the latest information: reading.ac.uk/fees-and-funding

Placements

Programmes with a Professional Placement Year (also known as 'Year in Industry' or 'Placement Year') are fully dependent on students securing their own placement opportunity, normally through a competitive recruitment process. The University provides dedicated career and application support for placement year students. Students who do not secure a placement or who are unable to complete the placement year due to extenuating circumstances, have the option to transfer to a three year variant of their programme with agreement from their School/Department.

Study abroad

The partnerships listed are correct at the time of publication (May 2023). For up to date information on the University's partnerships contact studyabroad@reading.ac.uk

Where Study Abroad is not a compulsory part of the degree programme, the University of Reading cannot guarantee that every applicant who applies for the scheme will be successful. Whilst efforts are made to secure sufficient places at partner institutions, the number of places available and the University's partners can vary year-on-year. In all cases, the University cannot guarantee that it will be possible for applicants to choose to study abroad at a particular institution.

Further, certain courses and/or institutions may require you to satisfy specific eligibility criteria. It can be a competitive process. For further information on the University's Study Abroad Scheme please contact studyabroad@reading.ac.uk