

Master of Development Studies

8942 - Stream C



Term 3 2026 Commencing Students – 96 UOC specialisation (SOCWWS)
Choose from available proposed courses in each year

Year 1 - 2026	Term 3	Year 2 - 2027	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Year 3 - 2028	TBC per semester calendar
	SRAP5101 Research Methods & Project Design		COMD5001 International Development Policy	SOCW7851 Community Development	COMD5004 Climate change adaptation & development <i>(preferred program elective)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Elective* • Program Elective • Program Elective • Program Elective • Program Elective
	SOCW7857 Refugees & Forced Migration <i>(prescribed electives)</i>		Program Elective	SOCW7852 Politics of International Aid <i>(preferred program elective)</i>	SRAP5102 Research in the Real World		
COMD5002 Development, Human Rights & Global Health	Program Elective		Program Elective*				

This Sample Program is subject to term course offerings, & you should refer to the Handbook & adjust study plan in line with course availability <https://www.handbook.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate/programs/2026/8942>
To check your progress in 2027, log in to the myPlan progression checker tool <https://www.unsw.edu.au/student/managing-your-studies/resources/myplan>

Students must complete 48 UOC as follows: Research Core Course (6 UOC) / Disciplinary Core Courses (12 UOC) / Prescribed Disciplinary Elective (6 UOC / Prescribed Electives (24 UOC)
Disciplinary Prescribed Electives & Program Electives Course Offerings:

NOTES	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	Prescribed elective • COMD5000 NGOs, Civil Society & Development Electives • SRAP5001 Policy Analysis • ARTS5503 Academic Writing for the Humanities [^] • ARTS5505 Personalised English Language Enhancement (PELE) [^]	Electives • SRAP5004 Accountability & Governance • SRAP5021 Policy, Advocacy & Activism in the Digital Age • POLS5121 International Organisations • POLS5125 Politics of International Law • SRAP5025 Social Sciences Internship • ARTS5503 Academic Writing for the Humanities [^] • SRAP5107 Research Project (12 UOC)*	Electives • SRAP5102 Research in the Real World • SRAP5108 Politics, power and policy • SRAP5025 Social Sciences Internship • POLS5122 IPE • POLS5161 Developing Countries and IR • ARTS5505 Personalised English Language Enhancement (PELE) [^] • SRAP5107 Research Project (12 UOC)*

*Note that SRAP5107 is a thesis course of 12 UOC, undertaken as 6 UOC over two consecutive terms

[^]Electives marked can be approved in place of SRAP5106 which is not offered this year

Information is correct as of 01.11.2025 & is based on proposed prerequisites & course availability. This is to be used as a guide only & does not replace individual advice. Refer to the Handbook & Class Timetable for the relevant term to check availability for these courses. Contact The Nucleus: Student Hub for further assistance. CRICOS Provider Code 00098G

Master of Development Studies

8942 – Stream B



Term 3 2026 Commencing Students – 72 UOC specialisation (SOCWUS)

Choose from available proposed courses in each year

Year 1 - 2026	Term 3	Year 2 - 2027	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Year 3 - 2028	TBC per semester calendar
	SRAP5101 Research Methods & Project Design		COMD5001 International Development Policy	SOCW7851 Community Development	COMD5004 Climate change adaptation & development <i>(preferred program elective)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMD5000 NGOs, Civil Society & Development <i>(prescribed elective)</i> Program Elective*
	SOCW7857 Refugees & Forced Migration <i>(prescribed electives)</i>		Program Elective	SOCW7852 Politics of International Aid <i>(preferred program elective)</i>	SRAP5102 Research in the Real World		
COMD5002 Development, Human Rights & Global Health	Program Elective						

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Disciplinary Prescribed Electives & Program Electives Course Offerings:

NOTES	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	Prescribed elective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMD5000 NGOs, Civil Society & Development Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRAP5001 Policy Analysis ARTS5503 Academic Writing for the Humanities[^] ARTS5505 Personalised English Language Enhancement (PELE)[^] 	Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRAP5004 Accountability & Governance SRAP5021 Policy, Advocacy & Activism in the Digital Age POLS5121 International Organisations POLS5125 Politics of International Law SRAP5025 Social Sciences Internship ARTS5503 Academic Writing for the Humanities[^] SRAP5107 Research Project (12 UOC)* 	Electives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRAP5102 Research in the Real World SRAP5108 Politics, power and policy SRAP5025 Social Sciences Internship POLS5122 IPE POLS5161 Developing Countries and IR ARTS5505 Personalised English Language Enhancement (PELE)[^] SRAP5107 Research Project (12 UOC)*

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Master of Development Studies

8942 - Stream A



Term 3 2026 Commencing Students – 48 UOC specialisation (SOCWTS)

Choose from available proposed courses in each year

Year 1 - 2026	Term 3	Year 2 - 2027	Term 1	Term 2
	COMD5002 Development, Human Rights & Global Health OR SOCW7857 Refugees & Forced Migration <i>(prescribed or program electives)</i>		COMD5001 International Development Policy	SOCW7851 Community Development
	SRAP5101 Research Methods and Project Design		COMD5000 NGOs, Civil Society & Development <i>(prescribed elective)</i>	Program Elective
	SOCW7852 Politics of International Aid <i>(preferred program elective)</i>		Program Elective	

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