

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (1896)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 1896

AQF Level: 8

CRICOS code: 096601C

This program applies to students who commenced in Spring 2022 or later.

The Graduate Diploma in Humanitarian and Development Studies will meet the needs of practitioners already working in the field of disaster relief and development, and those wishing to enter the field. It aims to support the skills enhancement of humanitarian and development workers in government and non-government agencies involved in humanitarian operations, organisations that manage international refugee flows, public health, and the provision of aid to vulnerable populations. Students will complete eight (8) subjects from the M.HADS degree.

The structure of the Graduate Diploma is tailored towards individual needs and interests and is linked to the specific industry requirements of humanitarian and development practitioners.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with program 1897 Graduate Certificate in Humanitarian and Development Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-humanitarian-development-studies-1897/>).

Study Mode

One year full-time or two years part-time

Program Advice

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Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Full-time	Internal	Nidhi Wali (N.Wali@westernsydney.edu.au)
Parramatta City Campus- Macquarie Street	Part-time	Internal	Nidhi Wali (N.Wali@westernsydney.edu.au)

Admission

Applicants must have successfully completed a Bachelor degree or equivalent in any discipline or an Associate Degree in any discipline plus five years full time equivalent professional experience in a related role.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

International students applying to the University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website.

International Office (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence Full-time start-year intake

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HUMN 7036	Introduction to Social Research	10
HUMN 7032	Public Health in Complex Emergencies	10
HUMN 7031	Political Economy of Development	10
HUMN 7019	International Disaster Management	10
Spring session		
POLI 7001	Development and Security	10
HUMN 7023	Global Health, Migration and Development	10
HUMN 7024	Humanitarian and Development Agendas and Progress	10
HUMN 7028	Management and Evaluation of Aid Programs	10
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