

MASTER OF HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (1866)

Approved Abbreviation: MHumanDevSt
Western Sydney University Program Code: 1866
AQF Level: 9

CRICOS Code: 096600D

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This program applies to students who commenced in 2018 or later.

The Master of Humanitarian and Development Studies (M.HADS) responds to the need for qualified workers in disaster relief and development, in government and non-government agencies involved in humanitarian operations and development practice; addressing challenges and opportunities associated with various forms of national and international migration; public health programming, preparedness and response; and building the resilience of vulnerable populations. The purpose of the programme is for the practical application of specialised theoretical knowledge in humanitarian and development contexts. This is complemented by pathways to advanced research, and by career development support through extensive networks and partnerships, including with International non-government organisations. M.HADS graduates will complete 120 credit points to develop specific skills that are situated in practice and geared towards further learning. They will be able to act with autonomy and accountability in complex areas of risk, equipped with the knowledge derived from substantial research in the coursework, and a placement experience with an industry partner. The structure of the M.HADS is tailored towards individual needs and interests, and is linked to the specific industry requirements of humanitarian and development practitioners.

The M. HADS has both entry and exit points for the Graduate Diploma in Humanitarian and Development Studies (Grad. Dip. HADS) and the Graduate Certificate in Humanitarian and Development Studies (Grad. Cert. HADS).

Early Exits

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 1868 Graduate Certificate in Humanitarian and Development Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-humanitarian-development-studies/>) or on completion of 80 credit points with a 1867 Graduate Diploma in Humanitarian and Development Studies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-diploma-humanitarian-development-studies/>)

- Director of Academic Program - Dr Emma Power

Study Mode

One and a half years full-time or three years part-time.

Program Advice

Nidhi Wali (N.Wali@westernsydney.edu.au)

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)

Work Integrated Learning

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/)

Admission

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The Master of Humanitarian and Development Studies, Graduate Diploma in Humanitarian and Development Studies and the Graduate Certificate in Humanitarian and Development Studies are specialist vocational degrees.

Entry requirements are

- A Bachelor's Degree in Arts or Social Sciences, or
- Any tertiary degree combined with a minimum of six months professional experience in a development or humanitarian assistance context.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service form (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF)

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 120 credit points including the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence

Start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
1H session		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
Credit Points		10
Autumn session		
HUMN 7032	Public Health in Complex Emergencies	10
HUMN 7031	Political Economy of Development	10
HUMN 7019	International Disaster Management	10
Credit Points		30
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
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
1H session		
Select one of the following:		40
HUMN 7054	Social Science Research Project	
HUMN 7055	Social Science Training Placement	
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		120

Mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
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
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
1H session		
HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading ,Writing, and the Business of Research	10
Credit Points		10
Autumn session		
HUMN 7032	Public Health in Complex Emergencies	10
HUMN 7031	Political Economy of Development	10
HUMN 7019	International Disaster Management	10
Credit Points		30
2H session		
Select one of the following:		40
HUMN 7054	Social Science Research Project	
HUMN 7055	Social Science Training Placement	
Credit Points		40
Total Credit Points		120

Equivalent core subjects

The core subjects listed below count towards completion of this course for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

HUMN 7036 - Research in the Social Sciences
 HUMN 7052 - Humanitarian and Development Research Project,
 Replaced by HUMN 7054 Social Science Research Project
 HUMN 7053 - Humanitarian and Development Training
 Placement, Replaced by HUMN 7055 Social Science Training
 Placement