

Postgraduate international and community development

Master of International and Community Development
Graduate Certificate of International and Community Development



Top 1% of universities globally¹



#1 university for postgraduate overall employment in Victoria²



#1 university in Australia for educational experience³

Join a new generation of leaders, running development programs that promote justice, reduce poverty and create environments for people to lead sustainable, fulfilling lives.

Deakin's international and community development courses provide passionate individuals with the skills, knowledge and on-the-ground experience to develop and spearhead initiatives aimed at addressing a range of local and international challenges.

Explore the problems our world currently faces, learn more about the initiatives that can be used to address them, and enrich your understanding of what international and community development means.

Plus, you can be secure that what you learn will be highly regarded in industry. Deakin's international and community development program is the largest, longest-running and most reputable course of its kind in Australia.

Be mentored by industry leaders

Our academic staff, who work closely with you to develop your skills, have extensive professional experience within the sector and the course content responds to the state of local and global events that impact development.

Benefit from international experiences

You have the opportunity to gain valuable skills, make international connections and add value to your course through an international experience (pending the Federal Government's announcements on international travel). Global experiences include internationally-focused internships here in Australia or overseas and longer study abroad exchange experiences.

Engage with cutting-edge research

Deakin's engagement in field research puts us at the leading edge of academic and industry thinking, and you'll be able to leverage the expert knowledge of our research team when undertaking the research component in the masters degree.

Study when and where it suits you

You don't need to change your lifestyle to study at Deakin. Our dedicated online classroom lets you choose when and where you learn, so you can develop a study routine that works for you. Learn via our premium online interactive platform, connect with teachers and students and across Australia's highest-rated tech support. You can easily access course content online, stream lectures where it suits and connect with teachers and students in just a few clicks.

Graduate into a thriving sector

You'll graduate from the international and community development program with sought-after skills, ready to take on roles in Australia and internationally. Your practical experience will prepare you to work within organisations that respond to challenges relating to social justice, empowerment, poverty and community development, including:

- international and domestic non-government organisations
- government agencies
- local community organisations and councils
- Commonwealth departments such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- international aid and development agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- bilateral and multilateral agencies.



'This course brought together my passions and hopes with theory and grounded research. Overall, it provided a more stable foundation for making a quality contribution to local and overseas development work.'

Kelley Chisholm
Master of International and
Community Development graduate

Discover the right path for your goals



Are you ready to start a career that could help change the world?

Study a Graduate Certificate of International Community Development

The graduate certificate will introduce to current global and local development challenges, and the ways in which you might make a difference.

Through it, you'll build a foundational understanding of the purpose of international and community development, explore its key concepts, practices and debates, and discover a range of initiatives that promote justice, reduce poverty, and build sustainable living environments for the people who need it most.

In addition, a range of electives offers you the opportunity to broaden your knowledge of development bodies and processes.

The Graduate Certificate acts as a guaranteed pathway into the **Master of International and Community Development**, for those who are interested in advancing their knowledge and career opportunities.

Course details and structure

Course code	A565
Location	Burwood, Online
Intakes	T1 (March), T2 (July), T3 (November)
Fees	\$11,300
Duration	1 year part-time
Course structure	2 core units <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction to International and Community DevelopmentCross-Cultural Communication and Practice 2 elective units

Study a Master of International Community Development

Set yourself up for career progression in an evolving field by studying the Master of International Community Development. With new expertise and a richer knowledge of the field, you'll be able to take the lead on development programs that make a difference to millions of people worldwide.

Develop your skills in assessment tasks that simulate the work you'll be doing on real development programs and campaigns. Hands-on learning opportunities and access to industry professionals through seminars and guest lectures, and further enhances your readiness for future career opportunities.

Choose to tailor the degree to your interests and career goals by choosing from three study streams:

- combined stream (international and community development)
- international development stream
- community development stream.

Course details and specialisation struture

Course code	A765
Location	Burwood, Online
Intakes	T1 (March), T2 (July), T3 (November)
Fees	\$11,300
Duration	1 year part-time
Course structure	2 core units <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction to International and Community DevelopmentCross-Cultural Communication and Practice 2 elective units

Students complete one core unit (in research design), complete a re-search stream, one of two research units and course electives.

... and become a community development project coordinator^

In order to develop and deliver their programs, NGOs, government organisations, and other community development bodies need the support of diligent project workers, who ensure their initiatives run smoothly and effectively.

In a role like community development project officer, you might be responsible for researching your relevant's community needs and concerns, assisting with program development, and developing and monitoring schedules and budgets to ensure your program runs smoothly. In addition, you may also be required to act as a first point of contact for the populations your organisation seeks to assist, and may consult with them on their needs.

... and become a food security and agriculture project management specialist^

As a food security and agriculture project management specialist (a role that can be based nationally or internationally), you could be responsible for consulting on a community's food needs and challenges and developing recommendations on a path forward.

Your day-to-day could see you identifying and negotiating secure relationships with potential food suppliers, developing and overseeing training initiatives to help an affected community develop their own agriculture, developing project roadmaps with a goal of leaving the community stable and self-reliant, and overseeing resourcing, logistics and budgets. You might also take part in co-design workshops to consult with the community your program addresses, to ensure your work meet their needs.

Stream 1: International development and community development

Best suited for: students wishing to enhance their skills in both the international and community development sectors.

1 core unit (AIX706 Research Design)	4 stream specific units	1 or 2 research units	1 or 2 electives depending on choice of research and stream
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Stream 2: International development

Best suited for: professionals who wish to apply their skills in an international setting, at a higher level.

1 core unit (AIX706 Research Design)	2 stream specific units	1 or 2 research units	3 or 4 electives depending on choice of research and stream
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Stream 3: Community development

Best suited for: professionals looking to enter or grow in community-related work.

1 core unit (AIX706 Research Design)	2 stream specific units	1 or 2 research units	3 or 4 electives depending on choice of research and stream
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^ These job titles are indicative only of potential career outcomes, and no guarantee of employment.

Why study with Deakin

With Deakin, you get it all - innovative teaching, premium online learning platform, industry-aligned courses and world-class facilities.

Courses that are linked with industry

A real world, practical approach is at the heart of course design – to get you industry ready. We work closely with industry and business to:

- develop course content
- source guest speakers who are experts in their fields
- give you work placement opportunities to enhance your skill-set.

Industry experience to get ahead

Get real-world work experience when you study at Deakin. Our teaching staff are industry experts, meaning you learn from the best while building your professional network with like-minded peers.

Study options to suit you

Postgraduate study doesn't have to be a balancing act. We provide resources, study options and support services that allow you to speed up, slow down and take control when you need to.

Read more about why Deakin is the right choice for you.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL)

You may be able to reduce your overall study time and tuition cost by getting your work and previous study experience recognised as recognition of prior learning (RPL). RPL, formerly known as advanced standing or credit transfer, includes formal learning (accredited qualifications) and informal learning (non-accredited learning or work experience).

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/rpl

Scholarships for all types of students

Deakin's extensive range of scholarships can make postgraduate study more accessible for you, no matter your background or interest area. Deakin offers more than 20 postgraduate scholarships recognising and rewarding you for your achievements. For Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family we offer a postgraduate bursary for full-fee paying students – a 15% discount on fees.

We also offer other ways to make postgraduate study more accessible, such as allowing you to defer payment so you can focus on your studies.

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/scholarships

Course discounts

Deakin's 10% postgraduate bursary

If you're a Deakin alumni commencing a postgraduate award course, you may be eligible to receive a 10% reduction per unit on your enrolment fees. We've watched you excel – now we'd love to see you soar.

Find out more at deakin.edu.au/alumni-discount

Entry requirements

Admission to study postgraduate coursework at Deakin is based on recognition of your professional experience and previous qualifications. Check the entry requirements for each course at deakin.edu.au/icd

If you don't meet the minimum admission criteria for the masters degree, we offer a guaranteed pathway via the Graduate Certificate of International and Community Development.

Applying to Deakin

Apply direct to Deakin

Submit your application directly to Deakin at apply.deakin.edu.au

We're here to help

Deakin is here to support you. From your application through to graduation, we offer many support services to ensure you feel confident throughout your studies:

- **study support**
- **career services**
- **online study experience**
- **fees and scholarships**
- **health and wellbeing.**

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Take the next step to success

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¹ Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2020

² 2019 Student Experience Survey, based on undergraduate students

³ Graduate Outcomes Survey (GOS), Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2019

⁴ According to the Voice Project IT Service Quality Support Benchmark Survey

⁵ 2021 indicative fee rates and covers, depending on qualification, of up to and including one year full-time study for domestic students. Fee rates may be subject to change.

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