



SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

Postgraduate study

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Shaping the world

Sussex is a top UK university whose research and teaching really does shape the world we live in. In the words of our first Vice-Chancellor, John Fulton, we help our students to ‘make the future.’



Piet den Blanken/Panos

The School of Global Studies is unique. Home to the departments of Anthropology, Geography, International Development and International Relations, our research and teaching addresses the most pressing issues of our time – global inequalities and global justice, climate and environmental change, war and peace, global health and financial crises, intolerance and discrimination.

Our mission is to generate knowledge and understanding that can make a difference, for a fairer, safer, more sustainable and more inclusive world.

Our interests extend from local studies in country contexts ranging from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, to global governance institutions like the World Trade Organisation and the United Nations. We work with national governments, peacekeeping forces, transnational corporations, NGOs and social movements.

But it's not just what we work on that makes Global Studies at Sussex unique. How we work is just as important. Challenging orthodoxies, we work together with other departments and fuse insights from different academic traditions. We run some of our courses jointly with the Institute of Development Studies, Science Policy Research Unit, the School of Media, Film and Music and the School of English.

The School has around 1,000 undergraduates and more than 400 postgraduates from 70 countries, who are taking our range of exciting MA and MSc courses or studying for a doctoral degree.

You will find yourself in a fantastic location that combines tranquility and energy. We are the only UK University surrounded by a national park, allowing you to explore the glorious natural environment of the South Downs. The vibrant city of Brighton, with its artists, activism, politics and music is less than ten minutes from campus. London is just an hour away by train.

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

Most of our degrees can be taken as one year full time or two years part time.

Your learning will involve a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. In the autumn term you take modules that are core to your course. In the spring term you choose from a wide range of options and undertake a supervised dissertation or dissertation with placement.

Our postgraduate students join a lively and challenging intellectual environment, taking part in extra lectures, conferences and seminars across campus. Studying in Global Studies also gives you the opportunity to network with experienced practitioners, to deepen your skills – and to make friends for life!

Our skills training includes a module on Research Methods and Professional Skills. There are also opportunities to write your dissertation in the context of a professional placement in the UK or abroad, and to go on field trips such as the International Relations trips to Brussels and Geneva.

We offer a range of postgraduate courses. Most of these are based wholly in Global Studies while some are taught in partnership with other schools and units on campus.

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTHROPOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION MA

Concerned with the anthropological study of the complex economic, political and cultural processes of social transformation in the developing world, this MA provides an entry into the anthropology of development and will be of interest to those with experience, or considering a career, in the development field.

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY MA

Social Anthropology deals with contemporary, real-life issues such as social and economic transformation and the cultural politics of religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, citizenship, and health. The course can be taken as an introduction for those new to the discipline or as advanced training for students wishing to deepen their existing knowledge or to branch out into interdisciplinary areas.

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY MA

Sussex is a world leader in the anthropological study of economic life, one of the most dynamic and fast-growing areas of the discipline. This MA will teach you how to analyse and explain the complex relationship between local realities and global processes of economic transformation using anthropological theories and research.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSES

The University of Sussex is currently ranked first in the world for development studies. (QS World University Rankings)

AFRICA AND DEVELOPMENT MA

This course gives you the opportunity to combine development theory and practice with in-depth understanding of African political and cultural dynamics. Its interdisciplinary approach integrates applied and theoretical training in development with intellectual debates about African politics and society. The MA provides you with important grounding in the specific African trajectories and issues that development work in African contexts demands.

CLIMATE CHANGE, DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MSc

Study the twin challenges of the transition to a low-carbon economy and adaptation to climate risks, and how they influence global and regional development. This course is taught jointly with IDS and SPRU and explores the climate science (accessible for non specialists), technology, economics, politics and policy dimensions of climate resilient development. There is an emphasis on the implications for equity between, and within, countries. You gain practical experience of the methods, techniques and approaches used in the climate change profession, for example in climate risk management and the financial and regulatory aspects of carbon management.

ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY MA

Can the world combat poverty and environmental degradation at the same time? How do we deliver a green economy? Is continued economic growth compatible with sustainability? Answers to these key questions facing the world require the deep understanding of the relationship between environment, development and the world of politics and policy that is offered by this MA.

FOOD AND DEVELOPMENT MA

Do you want to know why hunger and obesity, food shortages and food waste are concurrent development challenges? Do you want to know why food is key to understanding economic, social and political struggles at global and local levels? Do you want to learn about the centrality of food to the pursuit of sustainable development? Taught jointly with IDS, this course takes a cross-disciplinary and critical analytical angle to engage with the multiple dimensions of food and development.

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT MA

Based in IDS, and taught jointly with Global Studies, this is one of the world's longest running and most popular courses on gender and development. It gives you in-depth knowledge and capacity for gender analysis of specific themes, and the tools required to participate effectively in gender and development-related research, policy-making, and implementation.

GENDER, VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT MA

The MA in Gender, Violence and Conflict engages students critically with existing theoretical and policy debates around the relationships between sex, gender, violence and conflict. We look at various forms of gender violence; the links between militarisation, masculinities and femininities; gender and peacebuilding; and the 'women, peace and security' agenda. The MA is designed to appeal to UK and international students and to policymakers and practitioners who would like to take Masters-level specialist study to aid their professional development.

HUMAN RIGHTS MA

Sussex is a world leader in the study of human rights. This MA gives you the opportunity to gain specialist knowledge of human rights in relation to migration, gender, fair trade, the environment, humanitarianism and post conflict reconstruction. If you already have experience in the field of human rights, this course is an opportunity to reflect on that experience and develop new research skills. If you are new to the field, the dissertation with placement is an invaluable opportunity to prepare for a career in this area.

MEDIA PRACTICE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE MA

This MA is unique in the UK, combining training in media practice with teaching in critical and engaged perspectives in international development and social transformation. Based in the School of Media, Film and Music and taught jointly with Global Studies, the MA is especially concerned with understanding media as a tool for social change and equipping students with technical expertise and analytical perspectives that will enable them to engage in social concerns and advocate for social change.

MIGRATION AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT MA

Do you want to know more about the reasons why people migrate from the Global South? Is it because aid and development initiatives fail to meet their stated goals? Learning from our faculty who have detailed and extensive knowledge from working in the field, you'll gain an advanced understanding of the complex relationship between migration and development. You'll become part of the research community of the internationally recognised Sussex Centre for Migration Research, located within the School of Global Studies.

TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE COURSES

MIGRATION STUDIES MA

The MA in Migration Studies provides grounded knowledge of migration processes and their consequences for today's societies. The approach is interdisciplinary, addressing issues that shape migrants' lives and life chances: migration management and human rights; refugee displacement and settlement; citizenship and integration; transnationalism and diversity; and migration and development. The degree is affiliated with the Sussex Centre for Migration Research that has an outstanding global reputation for research on migration.

SEXUAL DISSIDENCE MA

The MA in Sexual Dissidence offers an interdisciplinary training in the fields of queer theory and sexuality studies. The MA was founded in the early 1990s as one of the first of its kind and continues to offer transformative and challenging teaching across the humanities and social sciences. You will be co-taught by faculty from both the Schools of English and Global Studies and will benefit from close links to the Centre for Study of Sexual Dissidence and its programme of events on queer practice and activism. The MA is relevant to students considering careers in research, the media, the arts, education, social justice and development.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT MA

This MA addresses the increasing focus on social aspects of development in policy, planning and practice. Official donor agencies, governments and NGOs now see much of what they do as being concerned with social development, and many important concepts in development – such as empowerment, participation, and the rights-based approach to development – are rooted in the tradition of social development.

‘At Sussex, I learnt to combine thinking independently with working as part of a diverse group of people and I’ve met so many amazing people from all over the world who have become lifelong friends. Studying at Sussex was one of the best things I’ve ever done and I would recommend it to anyone!’

Dejana Mekanik
(MA in Social Development)



TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE COURSES

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, SECURITY AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

CONFLICT, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT MA

The challenges posed by civil wars, genocides, famines and other humanitarian crises show that security and development are closely linked. Drawing on Sussex's unique interdisciplinary perspective on questions of peace, vulnerability and insecurity, this course develops the expertise needed for analysing crises at the security-development nexus.

GEOPOLITICS AND GRAND STRATEGY MA

The world is undergoing a significant process of strategic and geopolitical realignment. How does this process redefine security challenges? What are the key regional geopolitical dynamics? What are the grand strategies of the major powers? This course will help you develop cutting-edge expertise in new global geopolitics.

GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY MA

This MA focuses on the changing nature of the global political economy. The programme examines its historical emergence and contemporary transformations, the challenges of globalisation and financialisation, the changing nature of global governance, and the implications of economic crisis for the nature of the capitalist system and global distribution of wealth and power.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MA

This MA offers advanced training in International Relations with a distinctive critical edge. Conflict, environmental catastrophe, rising nationalism and mass migration are just some of the issues to which lasting solutions have yet to be found. Drawing from and engaging with the very scholars that have helped make Sussex a leading world centre, this programme will help you make sense of the complexities of our troubling times.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY MA

This MA provides you with a rigorous understanding of contemporary and emerging security challenges. These include terrorism, the links between security and climate change, resource scarcity, gender and human security, the spread of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and avian flu, religious fundamentalism, and complex emergencies in the Global South.

DOCTORAL STUDY AND RESEARCH TRAINING

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Global Studies has a large and vibrant community of around 125 doctoral research students, each affiliated to one of our departments and supported by the extensive resources of Sussex's Doctoral Training Centre. Each student works under the supervision of two members of faculty and is part of a thriving community of research seminars and workshops.

SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS MSC

This degree is designed to provide research training for those intending to move directly to doctoral study. It can also be taken as a standalone one-year degree if you wish to apply advanced research methodologies to an area of academic or policy interest without continuing to a doctorate.

‘My year at Sussex was challenging, eye-opening and exciting. I gained a well-rounded understanding of where power lies in the global economic system, how it is exercised, and what that means for people around the world.’

Katie Huston
Development Manager, South African Education and Environment Project
(MA Global Political Economy)

FURTHER INFORMATION

To find out more detail of the courses offered please visit:

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For more information on fees and scholarships please visit:

www.sussex.ac.uk/study/money



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Global Studies is a constantly developing area, so we regularly review and update our modules and options to reflect this and give you the best student experience.

The most up to date information on courses and modules is available at:

www.sussex.ac.uk/study