

A photograph of a construction site. In the foreground, several men wearing blue work uniforms and hard hats (blue and yellow) are walking. One man on the right is wearing a blue hard hat and a brown headscarf. In the background, a large building is under construction, with several cranes visible against a clear blue sky.

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

MA  
Migration and Global  
Development

US  
UNIVERSITY  
OF SUSSEX

## OVERVIEW

This interdisciplinary one-year degree provides a critical grounding in international development and migration studies. We have an outstanding global reputation for research on migration and host the internationally recognised Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR), one of the largest concentrations of researchers in this field in the world. Sussex has been ranked first in the world for development studies (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017), so you will be taught by researchers who are at the forefront of contemporary debates. Our collective expertise contributes to a vibrant and intellectually stimulating academic community.

Modules cover the theoretical and conceptual basis for migration studies and increase your understanding of the practices and ideas behind international development. You will also conduct your own research through the Master's dissertation. In addition, you will be trained in various social science methods and gain skills like problem solving, working in teams, cultural understanding and writing independent reports, as well as analytical and evaluative skills.

## KEY TOPICS

- Migration-development nexus, including rural-urban and South-South migration
- Transnational migration and its developmental impacts
- Gender and migration
- Internal migration, poverty, and labour rights
- Environmental change and its effects on development and migration
- Humanitarian aid and refugees.

The MA in Migration and Global Development equips you for a career in national and international organisations working with migrants and asylum seekers as well as providing strong academic support for those who wish to pursue a doctorate in migration and development studies.

## GLOBAL LINKS

We have strong links with a number of government bodies, international organisations and NGOs – including DFID, the International Organization for Migration, International Labour Organization and Refugee Action.

You can make the most of these links in the final months of this MA, when you have the opportunity to undertake a research placement in a community organisation or international institution relevant to your dissertation.



## COURSE STRUCTURE

This year-long MA course involves four taught modules assessed by coursework, and a 10,000 word dissertation written under the supervision of a faculty mentor, which can be linked to an organised research placement. The two core modules, taught in the first term, cover the central themes of the MA, while the optional modules in term two allow you to tailor your degree in line with your academic and professional interests. In the second term you also take four Research Methods and Professional Skills workshops, which support you to develop your dissertation and provide key skills for your future career. The third term and the summer are reserved for independent work on researching and writing your dissertation. In total, MA students must undertake modules worth 180 credits.\*

\* Part-time students take the programme over two years and normally take the two core modules and Research Methods and Professional Skills workshops in their first year.

## ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

You will be part of an active research community at the School of Global Studies. A key part of the MA programme is the participation of students in the research seminars and activities of the Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR). The SCMR funds a fascinating seminar series of invited international speakers, an annual high-profile international conference, as well as an annual Postgraduate Migration conference. These events enable students of the MA in Migration and Global Development to engage intellectually with some of the leading figures in the field in addition to Sussex staff. Furthermore, students will be able to benefit from academic activities organised by other research centres at the School such as the Migrating Out of Poverty Research Consortium, the Sussex Asia Centre, the Africa Centre, and, outside the School, the Institute of Development Studies (IDS).

## MA MIGRATION AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT



### STUDYING AT SUSSEX

Sussex is a top-20 UK university in the dynamic city of Brighton, only an hour from London. Our research and teaching is internationally-focused, and leads to worthwhile and stimulating careers. Our goal is to deliver teaching and learning programmes that are research-led, attractive to students from all socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, and which deliver skills for life.

Sussex is home to more than 15,000 students, of which 30% are postgraduate students. In joining Sussex, you will be part of a large, vibrant and highly international academic community that will stimulate and challenge you, enabling you to develop your career. We are also a very international University, with staff and students coming from over 100 countries. Our degrees provide exceptional opportunities to develop a professional and academic global network – invaluable throughout your future career.

### SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

The School of Global Studies is home to top-ranked 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.

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