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MPhil Programme

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Join the pioneer institute of researchers who are curious by nature and passionate about learning, doing research on contemporary development issues with dedication and commitment.

Imparting Multidisciplinary Knowledge to Address Key Development Challenges
Why Development Studies?

Development Studies equips students for professional work in government agencies, international business and finance, international development agencies and non-governmental organisations as practitioners, policymakers, development researchers, programme analysts, financial analysts and economists.

Why Study Development Studies at PIDE?

Established in 1957, PIDE is an autonomous organisation devoted to conduct theoretical and empirical research in Development Economics in general, and Pakistan-related economic issues in particular. PIDE offers its students a thriving environment where theoretical insights coupled with enhanced analytical skills will allow the graduates to follow multiple career paths.

Since its inception in 2011, Department of Development Studies has been offering:
- Cross-cutting multidisciplinary approach
- Competitive environment
- Coursework and research on a wide range of topics across many standard divisions
- Focus on traditional as well as novel and synchronic approaches to fieldwork situated within development research.

Programme Overview

MPhil Development Studies resonates with the realities of countries in transition through innovation and excellence in its academic programme. A strong focus on theory and methods equips graduates to apply new insights to policy analysis in a practical context.

Programme Length

The length of the programme is 24 months.

Students are expected to complete eight courses in a combination of four elective courses and four core courses, for a total of 24 credits besides writing a dissertation. The list of the elective courses is subject to change and is regularly updated to suit contemporary development debates.

Eligibility

The programme is intended for students having Masters and/or four years BA/BSc degree with 2.5 CGPA out of 4.00 or equivalent in any development related discipline, preferably Social Sciences.

Scholarships

We recognise hardworking students by investing in their potential and assisting them fund their educational goals. At PIDE, scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial needs.

COURSES OFFERED

Core Courses (3 credits each)
1. Development: History, Theory, and Policy
2. Research Methods for Development Studies
3. Anthropology and Development
4. Development Economics

Elective Courses (subject to change) (3 credits each)
- Gender and Development
- Poverty and Environment
- Power, Governance and Development
- Globalisation and Development
- Tourism and Development
- Qualitative Methods for Development Research
- Quantitative and Econometric Techniques for Development Research

Development Studies at PIDE is a leading department with many dynamic initiatives under its wing
- Annual Graduate Development Studies Workshop
- Development Studies Working Paper Series
- Development Studies Discussion Paper Series
- Development Studies Occasional Paper Series
- Development Studies Policy Briefs
- Weekly Read and Share Book Forum
- Seminars on contemporary subjects
- Guest Lectures by renowned world scholars
- Panel Discussions on concurrent issues
- Development Studies Biannual Newsletter

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