

## How to apply?

You are **eligible** if you

- hold a Master degree in development studies or a related discipline\*
- show a keen interest in development issues, e.g. relevant professional experience, internship, field research, volunteering experience or dissertation. Recent graduates are also eligible for this advanced master programme.
- have a good command of English

The **deadlines** to submit an online application are

- 1 February if you are applying for a VLIR-UOS scholarship
- 15 April for self-sponsoring students who need a visa for Belgium
- 1 September for self-sponsoring students who don't need a visa for Belgium

\* more information can be found on our website:  
[www.uantwerpen.be/development-studies](http://www.uantwerpen.be/development-studies)



## 6 reasons to study at IOB!

- 1 Every year, we welcome students from over 30 countries from around the globe, with diverse academic and professional backgrounds. At IOB, you experience the world in a classroom!
- 2 We are located in the cosmopolitan port city of Antwerp, a city of old charm and modern convenience, just a train ride away from Brussels, Paris, and Amsterdam.
- 3 IOB is a multidisciplinary, mixed-methods academic institute that takes a pluralistic approach to development studies. Our teaching staff includes economists, political scientists, anthropologists, law scholars and more – all of whom are also active researchers in a variety of topics related to current development policy and practice.
- 4 We have an affordable tuition fee, and also offer scholarship opportunities that cover both tuition and cost-of-living for the full year of the programme.
- 5 Eligible students may apply for a travel scholarship to do dissertation fieldwork in a country of their choice, or to do a research internship with one of our partner universities in Tanzania, the Philippines, or other countries.
- 6 Our graduates leave with the theoretical, conceptual and methodological knowledge to critically analyze and conduct social scientific research on a broad range of topics related to development policies, practices, and actors. IOB alumni can be found at international organizations, NGOs, government ministries, and research and education institutes around the globe.

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*IOB created in me a great development practitioner who is grounded in theory and practise. I find myself being confident and a proficient scholar ready to engage the world with ideas about good governance and sustainable development.*

## Contact us

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## ADVANCED MASTER OF GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT





- ✓ Are you fascinated by processes of state formation, state reconstruction, peace-building, and conflict resolution?
- ✓ Do you want to learn more about how governance at the local, national, regional and international levels contributes to sustainable development?

The Institute of Development Policy (IOB) at the University of Antwerp brings together people from around the world who share your concerns and ambitions.

In the **Advanced Master of Governance and Development**, you’ll study how conflict is both a cause and consequence of governance failures, and learn to critically analyse governance problems and possible resolutions. You’ll gain the theoretical, methodological, and practical insights to conduct research on governance challenges across different scales, while engaging with contemporary debates about global development.

## About the programme

The programme takes 12 months of full-time study to complete, starting and ending in mid-September. Students in this advanced master programme choose one of the following two tracks:

► **Track 1: From violent conflict to peace and state reconstruction**

This track explores issues of governance and development against the background of violent conflict and the challenge of post-conflict state reconstruction. This track is intended for participants with a variety of disciplinary backgrounds who aspire to careers in conflict-prone environments or post-conflict situations, or who are interested in policy-oriented research on these topics.

► **Track 2: Local institutions and poverty reduction**

In countries characterised by weak or fragile national structures, local decision-making plays an integral role in poverty reduction. This track addresses governance and development from the perspective of local institutions, focusing on the interaction between local, national, and transnational actors in governance processes. The track is intended for participants who are interested in research on the interface between the transnational, national and local level and/or between state and non-state development actors.

The advanced master programme culminates in a written dissertation that is defended during an oral presentation. Successful completion of the programme leads to the awarding of a Master of Science degree.

MODULE I	ECTS
THEORIES OF DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unit 1: Economic and institutional development</li><li>Unit 2: Culture, agency and development</li><li>Unit 3: Poverty and inequality</li><li>Unit 4: Politics of development</li></ul>	8 2 2 2 2
RESEARCH METHODS I <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unit 1: Research in a development context</li><li>Unit 2: Design and methodology in development research</li></ul>	4 2 2
RESEARCH METHODS II (choose up to 4 units)	6
Quantitative Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unit 1: Working with data</li><li>Unit 2: Regression analysis and inference</li></ul>	1.5 3
Qualitative Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unit 3: People as informants: collecting qualitative data</li><li>Unit 4: Participatory and action research in development</li><li>Unit 5: Multi-actor processes in development: negotiation, collaboration and mediation</li><li>Unit 6: Analysing text and discourse in a development context</li><li>Unit 7: Qualitative data analysis</li><li>Unit 8: Mobility window (research stay) at Mzumbe University (Tanzania) or De La Salle University (the Philippines) or other partner universities.</li></ul>	1.5 1.5 1.5 1.5 3 6
MODULE II: GOVERNANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT	ECTS
Unit 1: The political economy of governance and development	3.5
Unit 2: The state, governmentality and development	3.25
Unit 3: Law and development	1.25
Unit 4: End-of-module paper	4

MODULE III	ECTS
TRACK 1: FROM VIOLENT CONFLICT TO PEACE AND STATE RECONSTRUCTION	12
Unit 1: Analysis of violent conflict	8
Unit 2: Peace and post-conflict reconstruction: state-level and international dimensions	
Unit 3: Peace and post-conflict reconstruction: micro-dynamics and local dimensions	
Unit 4: End-of-module paper	4
MODULE III	ECTS
TRACK 2: LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND POVERTY REDUCTION	12
Unit 1: Theory and concepts	2
Unit 2: Introduction to specific topics (choose 2 sub-units): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Access to public services</li><li>Access to natural resources</li><li>Access to (labour and product) markets</li><li>Access to financial services</li><li>Gender and development: a local institutional perspective</li><li>Local governance</li><li>Access to land and agrarian sovereignty</li><li>Community based monitoring</li><li>International migration and development</li><li>Governing change in the extractive sector (in Africa)</li></ul>	6
Unit 3: End-of-module paper	4
Module IV	ECTS
Dissertation	18

Let’s shape the future together!