# 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 eliqible 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



## 6 reasons to study at IOB!

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, and other countries.
- 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.



It was a great experience being taught by lecturers from various educational backgrounds who clearly were passionate about their subject areas.

I got the opportunity to do an internship in an United Nations Agency specialising in M&E.

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# ADVANCED MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT









- Are you interested in development policies and paradigms? Do you wonder what makes development interventions fail or succeed? Are you interested in the role of international actors in shaping actors, processes and policies in the global south?
- Or do you have a particular interest in the Monitoring and Evaluation of development policies, programmes and projects? And are you looking to sharpen your understanding of enabling and constraining factors of development success or failure?

In the Advanced Master of Development Evaluation and Management at the University of Antwerp's Institute of Development Policy (IOB) you'll assess the strengths and weaknesses of prevailing development paradigms and gain insights on different actors and institutions, from the local to the international level. You will be equipped with multidisciplinary analytical tools that will enable you to confidently conduct academic research on development policies and programmes using qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods.

Electives offered in this programme address some of the most pressing issues in contemporary development practice, including natural resources, migration, gender and development, land access and tenure, climate finance and the 'greening' of aid, and access to public goods and services.

# 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: National institutions, poverty reduction strategies and aid Roc de Sant Gaiet

Why do some development interventions succeed, while others fail? This track focuses on answering this question and more, by looking at the interactions between international and national factors, institutions and actors. Participants should be interested in macro-level policy research, and aspire to a career in government institutions, donor agencies, NGOs or civil society.

► Track 2: Local institutions and poverty reduction

How do micro-level institutions and processes affect the effectiveness of development efforts, improve livelihoods, and address social exclusion? This track pays special attention to the influence of local contexts on the planning, implementation, and M&E of development interventions. Participants show a strong interest in micro-/meso-level policy research or grassroots organizations, and aspire to a career in civil society, donor agencies, NGOs, or government institutions.

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	8
Unit 1: Economic and institutional development	2
Unit 2: Culture, agency and development	2
Unit 3: Poverty and inequality	2
Unit 4: Politics of development	2
RESEARCH METHODS I	4
Unit 1: Research in a development context	2
Unit 2: Design and methodology in development research	2
RESEARCH METHODS II (choose up to 4 units)	6
Quantitative Units	
Unit 1: Working with data	1.5
<ul> <li>Unit 2: Regression analysis and inference</li> </ul>	3
Qualitative Units	
Unit 3: People as informants: collecting qualitative data	1.5
<ul> <li>Unit 4: Participatory and action research in development</li> </ul>	1.5
<ul> <li>Unit 5: Multi-actor processes in development: negotiation, collaboration and mediation</li> </ul>	1.5
Unit 6: Analysing text and discourse in a development context	1.5
Unit 7: Qualitative data analysis	1.5
Unit 8: Mobility window (research stay) at Mzumbe	6
University (Tanzania), De La Salle University (the	
Philippines) or other partner universities.	

MODULE II: EVALUATING DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS	ECTS 12
Unit 1: Development effectiveness: unpacking the concept	1
Unit 2: Development monitoring and evaluation: introducing the landscape and approaches	2
Unit 3: Selected approaches to development evaluation (choose 2 out of 3 subunits):	
Qualitative development monitoring and evaluation	1.75
Quantitative development evaluation	1.75
Political (economy) analysis	1.75
Unit 4: Action Lab on Selected Approach to Development Evaluation (choose 1 out of the 2 subunits selected in unit 3)	
Qualitative Development Monitoring and Evaluation –     Action Lab	1.5
Quantitative Development Evaluation – Action Lab	1.5
Political (economy) Analysis – Action Lab	1.5
Unit 5: End-of-module paper	4

MODULE III	ECTS
TRACK 1: NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND AID	12
Unit 1: Aid and (global) public goods: a political economy perspective	4
Unit 2: Monitoring and evaluation	2
Unit 3: Selected topics (choose 1 out of 3)	
Governing for development	2
Sustainable development, climate finance and the greening of aid	2
Engendering development	2
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):	6
Access to public services	
Access to natural resources	
Access to (labour and product) markets	
Access to financial services	
Gender and development: a local institutional perspective	
Local governance	
Access to land and agrarian sovereignty	
Community based monitoring	
International migration and development	
Governing change in the extractive sector (in Africa)	
Unit 3: End-of-module paper	4

Module IV	ECTS	
Dissertation	18	

Let's shape the future together!