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Development Theory and Practice
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Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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### General Information

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**Credit points**
10

**Prerequisites**
Admission to MDevStud or MGlobalHlthDevStud or MPH or GradCertGlobalHlthDevStud or MDevStudGlobalHlth or GradCertDevStudGlobalHlth or MAppAnth or MDevCult or MIntRel or MPASR or GradDipPASR or MPASRMDevStud or GradDipIntlRel or GradDipPP or MPPP or MSocEntre or GradCertSocEntre or MPIan or MSecStrategicStud or MCRM or MIntell or MCTerrorism or MPPPMDevStud or MPPPMPASR or MPPPMPIntRel or MSecStrategicStudMCRM or MSecStrategicStudMIntell or MSecStrategicStudMCyberSec or MSecStrategicStudMCTerrorism or MIntellMCrim or MIntellMCyberSec or MIntellMCTerrorism or MCTerrorismMCRM or MTransInterMIntRel or GradDipSIA or GradCertSIA or 10cp in ANTH units at 8000 level

**Corequisites**

**Co-badged status**

**Unit description**
This unit examines international aid to developing countries. Through close examination of historical and anthropological accounts, as well as particular case studies, students will come to understand donor-driven development as both a way of thinking and a set of practices that affect recipient populations in profound ways. To understand how international aid has emerged as a key means of closing the gap between rich and poor in the contemporary world, the unit will focus on four key topics. Specifically, we will explore the history of global poverty and economic inequality, the emergence of human rights as a key vocabulary for staking claims to economic improvement, and the complexity of the relationship between culture and development, examining in some detail the ways in which culture can both impede and aid development projects. Finally, we will pay critical attention to why programs designed to help people in the developing world have sometimes fallen short of their goals.

### Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates](https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates)
Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Demonstrate an understanding of why international aid remains such a contested arena within international relations and such a problematic context for altruistic notions of help.
ULO2: Read widely and actively participate in discussions concerning interactions between development agencies and target communities within the developing world and thereby gain a detailed picture of what international aid entails.
ULO3: Think critically and reflexively about recent debates informing development, the motivations behind international aid, what makes development assistance successful in improving lives and/or why there are often difficulties in achieving this.
ULO4: Examine the social outcomes that emerge from programs of international aid by looking beyond the rhetoric and developing an appreciation of the complex factors that influence these outcomes.
ULO5: Demonstrate command of anthropological knowledge and theories relevant to international aid.

Assessment Tasks

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Short essay
Assessment Type: Essay
Indicative Time on Task: 20 hours
Due: Friday of Week 6
Weighting: 20%

Students will write a short essay on designated topics on unit themes.
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Research Essay

Assessment Type: Essay
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Friday of Week 13
Weighting: 30%

Students will prepare a final research paper on a relevant topic of their choosing

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Leading discussion

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task ²: 10 hours
Due: Designated weeks
Weighting: 15%

Depending on enrolment, students will lead seminar discussion in small groups two to three times over the course of the session. Students will be tasked with completing all readings for the week and leading an inclusive and compelling conversation on weekly themes.

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Seminar participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task ²: 13 hours
Due: Weekly
Weighting: 20%

Students will participate in an active and engaged manner in weekly seminar discussions.

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- Think critically and reflexively about recent debates informing development, the
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- Demonstrate command of anthropological knowledge and theories relevant to international aid.

**Discussion preparation guide**

Assessment Type: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task: 15 hours

Due: Weekly

Weighting: 15%

Weekly preparation and submission of a discussion preparation guide — a number of short answer questions designed to get students thinking about the reading in ways that will support discussion in seminar.

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1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

All required readings are available through Legato (on the iLearn page). Other resources are available through Macquarie university Library.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://policies.mq.edu.au).
Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

**Student Code of Conduct**

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**Results**

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**Academic Integrity**

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

**The Writing Centre**

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.
Student Services and Support

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- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

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