

MSc Social Development - SH520

1. Objectives

Contemporary societies are experiencing rapid changes in their social and economic structures in the wake of globalisation. Liberalisation of markets and new technologies with emphasis on neo-liberal policies present challenges for sustaining welfare systems, meeting human needs and for the alleviation of poverty.

The aim of the MSc Social Development is to provide academic training to develop the analytical, planning, monitoring and research skills of a range of professionals concerned with social development. The Programme is also intended for graduates interested in developing career outlets in areas related to social justice and equity, distribution of resources, basic needs fulfilment and poverty alleviation.

2. General Entry Requirements

Successful completion of an undergraduate degree with

- at least a Second Class or 50%, whichever is applicable or
- a GPA not less than 2.5 out of 4 or equivalent, from a recognised higher education institution

OR alternative qualifications acceptable to the University of Mauritius

3. Programme Requirements

Same as above.

4. General and Programme Requirements – Special Cases

The following may be deemed to have satisfied the General and Programme requirements for admission:

- (i) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who submit satisfactory evidence of having passed examinations which are deemed by the Senate to be equivalent to any of those listed.
- (ii) Applicants who do not satisfy any of the requirements as per Regulations 2 and 3 above but who in the opinion of Senate submit satisfactory evidence of the capacity and attainments requisite to enable them to pursue the programme proposed.
- (iii) Applicants who hold a full practising professional qualification obtained by examination.

5. Programme Duration

The duration of the Graduate Programme should normally not exceed 4 years (8 semesters) and in any case (under Flexible Learning Programme) not 7 years (14 semesters).

	Normal (P/T)	Maximum (P/T)
Master's Degree:	4 Semesters	8 Semesters
Postgraduate Diploma:	4 Semesters	8 Semesters
Postgraduate Certificate:	2 Semesters	4 Semesters

6. Credits per Semester: Minimum 3 credits subject to Regulation 5.

7. Minimum Credits Required for the Awards

Master's Degree:	36 credits
Postgraduate Diploma:	24 credits
Postgraduate Certificate:	12 credits

Breakdown as follows:

	(Minimum) Core Taught Modules	Dissertation	Electives/ Optional Modules
Master's Degree:	18 credits	12 credits	6 credits
Postgraduate Diploma:	12 credits		6-12 credits
Postgraduate Certificate:	6 credits		6 credits

8. Additional Programme Specificities

- (i) Candidates who do not have any relevant Social Science background, may be required to follow foundation module/s in Introductory Sociology/Social Policy.
- (ii) Teaching Methodology: Lectures, Seminar presentation, tutorials and site visits.
- (iii) A series of compulsory non-assessed workshops will be organised during the Programme.

9. Assessment

Each module will carry 100 marks and will be assessed as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Written examination of 2-3 hours duration and continuous assessment carrying 10-40% of total marks.

Continuous assessment may be based on laboratory work and/or assignments and should include at least 1 class test.

For a student to pass a module, a minimum of 30% should be attained in both of Continuous Assessment and Written Examination separately, with an overall total of a minimum of 40% in that module.

All modules carry their own credit value.

Dissertations will carry 12 credits. They will be carried out in the area of specialisation, if applicable.

Submission Deadlines for Dissertations

- First Draft: End of July in the Final Year.
- Final Copy: Last working day of August in the Final Year.

10. Choice of Electives

Students will be required to submit their choice of electives in order of priority by the middle of Semester 1 of Year 1.

The University reserves the right not to offer a given elective module if the critical number of students is not attained and/or if there are resource constraints.

11. Important Note

The rules as stipulated in this Programme Structure and Outline Syllabus will replace all other rules and regulations found in previous Programme Structures.

12. List of Modules

CORE MODULES

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
SCDV 5101	Perspectives on Social Development	3+0	3
SCPL 5001	Social Policy: Values, Approaches and Planning	3+0	3
SOCI 5002	Social Research Methods	3+0	3
SCDV 5202	Globalisation & Livelihoods	3+0	3
SCDV 5302	Social Dislocation and Conflict Resolution	3+0	3
SOCI 5304	Engendering Development	3+0	3

DISSERTATION

SCDV 5000	Dissertation	-	12
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ELECTIVES

ECON 5114	Perspectives of the Mauritian Economy	3+0	3
LAW 5001	Human Rights and Governance	3+0	3
SCDV 5004	Decentralisation, Good Governance and Civil Society	3+0	3
SOCI 5003	Democracy, Religion and Development	3+0	3
SCDV 5003	Social Sector Development: Health, Education and Housing	3+0	3
SCPL 5004	Social Security & Income Maintenance	3+0	3
SCPL 5005	Planning & Managing the Health Sector	3+0	3
COMS 6201	Communication and Networking: Empowering the Grassroots	3+0	3

COMPULSORY WORKSHOPS

Social Policy Paradigms
Project Planning and Management
Writing Skills Workshop
Dissertation Workshop

Note: Timing and selection of electives will vary depending on resource availability and viability. Students will have to indicate their choice of electives by the middle of the first semester.

13. Programme Plan - MSc Social Development

YEAR 1							
Semester 1 Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits	Semester 2 Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk	Credits
SCDV 5101	Perspectives on Social Development	3	3	SCDV 5202	Globalisation and Livelihoods	3	3
SCPL 5001	Social Policy: Values, Approaches and Planning	3	3	SOCI 5002	Social Research Methods	3	3
YEAR 2 (Semesters 1 & 2)							
Code CORE	Module Name					Hrs/Wk	Credits
SCDV 5302	Social Dislocation and Conflict Resolution					3	3
SOCI 5304	Engendering Development					3	3
SCDV 5000	Dissertation					-	12
ELECTIVES	CHOOSE TWO FROM						
ECON 5114	Perspectives of the Mauritian Economy					3	3
LAW 5001	Human Rights & Governance					3	3
SCDV 5004	Decentralisation, Good Governance and Civil Society					3	3
SOCI 5003	Democracy, Religion & Development					3	3
SCDV 5003	Social Sector Development: Health, Education and Housing					3	3
SCPL 5004	Social Security and Income Maintenance					3	3
SCPL 5005	Planning and Managing the Health Sector					3	3
COMS 6201	Communication and Networking: Empowering the Grassroots					3	3
COMPULSORY WORKSHOPS DURING YEARS 1 & 2							
	Social Policy Paradigms					non-assessed	
	Project Planning and Management					non-assessed	
	Writing Skills Workshop					non-assessed	
	Dissertation Workshop					non-assessed	