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**STUDENT HANDBOOK**  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

INFORMATION, PROGRAMS, COURSES

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## Introduction

### Welcome to the Department of Social Development Studies

Welcome to the Department of Social Development Studies and thank you for choosing to study with us.

This handbook is designed to provide you with essential information about our Department, and the programs and courses on offer. Other sources of information are available at <http://social.ut.ac.ir/en/>. In addition, you will have access to the comprehensive Faculty Handbook.

We hope that this handbook will address all your questions. Our departmental staff are always ready to assist you and their contact details can be found in this handbook.

If you have any queries, our friendly administrative staff at the Office of International Affairs are always happy to respond promptly and they will facilitate your correspondence to the best people within and outside the Department.

We hope your stay here will be an enriching and rewarding experience. Welcome again to the Department of Social Development Studies, in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tehran.

Department of Social Development Studies

Office of International Affairs

### About our Department

The failure of imported and top-down development plans and policies persuaded scholars and policymakers around the world to pay more attention to the values of local communities, their needs, demands, and desires. The focus of development discourses has now shifted towards collective efforts and management, as well as incorporating cultural, ethnic, and religious values.

With the emergence of new theoretical approaches in the social sciences and interdisciplinary research, Social Development Studies as a discipline can open new horizons for sociological research in the dimensions of culture, the economy, and policymaking and can tackle issues confronted by local communities, and ultimately help towards the sustainable development of society, promoting social welfare and justice among members of communities, especially among those in the lower sections of society, rural areas, and peripheral cities.

The Department of Social Development Studies has been pursuing this aim since its establishment in 1998.

## Department Directory

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## Programs Offered by the Department

### Master's Program

- ✓ **Community Development (Urban and Rural)**

### PhD Program

- ✓ **Sociology of Rural-Social Development**

## Courses Offered by the Department

Graduate-level (Community Development Master's Program), required courses

Course	Credits			Hours			Prerequisites /Corequisites
	Theory	Practice	Total	Theory	Practice	Total	
<b>Quantitative Research Method</b>	2	-	2	32	-	32	
<b>Qualitative Research Method</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Theories of Development with a Community Approach</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Muslim Thinkers Thought and Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Population, Migration, and Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Contemporary Sociological Theory</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Thesis</b>	6		6				
<b>Total</b>	18						

Graduate-level (Rural Community Development Master's Program), specialized courses

Course	Credits			Hours			Prerequisites /Corequisites
	Theory	Practice	Total	Theory	Practice	Total	
<b>Social and Welfare Development</b>	2	-	2	32	-	32	
<b>Rural Development Theories</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Environment and Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Rural Sociology</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Rural Management in Iran</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Development Policies and Planning in Iran</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Total</b>	12						

Graduate-level (Urban Community Development Master’s Program), specialized courses

Course	Credits			Hours			Prerequisites /Corequisites
	Theory	Practice	Total	Theory	Practice	Total	
<b>Social and Cultural Impact Assessment in Urban Development Policies and Projects</b>	2	-	2	32	-	32	
<b>Empowering Local Communities</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Informal Settlement and Urban Life</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Urban Sociology</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Urban Management in Iran</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Development Policies and Planning in Iran</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Total</b>	12						



Graduate-level (Community Development Master's Program), elective courses

Course	Credits			Hours			Prerequisites /Corequisites
	Theory	Practice	Total	Theory	Practice	Total	
<b>Urban Poverty and Deprivation</b>	2	-	2	32	-	32	
<b>Religion and Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Agricultural Economics</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Indigenous Knowledge and Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Islamic Cities</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Social Inequality and Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Social Problems in Iranian Rural and Urban Society</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Traditions of Community Participation in Rural Community</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Development in Iran (National and Local Comprehensive Plans)</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Islamic and Iranian Model of Progress</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Rural Economic Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Total</b>	20						

\*Students may select 8 credits from the above table

\*Credits may also be selected from courses offered by other departments

Postgraduate-level (Sociology of Rural-Social Development PhD Program), required courses

Course	Credits			Hours			Prerequisites /Corequisites
	Theory	Practice	Total	Theory	Practice	Total	
<b>Qualitative Research Methods</b>	1	1	2	32	-	32	
<b>Quantitative Research Methods</b>	2	-	2	32		32	
<b>Classic and Contemporary Sociological Theories</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Islamic Social Thought</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Seminar on Iranian Rural and Nomadic Social Issues</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Critique of Rural Development Theories</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Global Models and Experiences of Rural Social Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Indigenous Knowledge and Rural Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Thesis</b>	18						
<b>Total</b>	32						

Postgraduate-level (Sociology of Rural-Social Development PhD Program), elective courses

Course	Credits			Hours			Prerequisites /Corequisites
	Theory	Practice	Total	Theory	Practice	Total	
<b>International Organizations of Development</b>	2	-	2	32	-	32	
<b>Implication of GIS in Rural Development</b>	-	1	1	32		32	
<b>Rural Development Strategies and Plans in Iran</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Social Entrepreneurship</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Rural Economic Development</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Environmental Preparedness and Spatial Planning</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Rural Development Planning</b>	2		2	32		32	
<b>Total</b>	15						

\*Students may select 4 credits from the above table

\*Credits may also be selected from courses offered by other departments

## Study Calendar

### First Semester

- 26 August - 2 September, **Registration**
- 23 September, **Classes Start**
- 10 January, **Classes End**
- 13 January, **Exams**

### Second Semester

- 27 January - 1 February, **Registration**
- 3 February, **Classes Start**
- 6 June, **Classes End**
- 17 June, **Exams**

\*dates can slightly differ for international students, particularly those enrolled in postgraduate programs

## How to Apply

Around 1000 International students are studying for a degree at the University of Tehran.

- **Bachelor's:** %7; **Master's:** %74; **PhD's:** %19
  - **Countries:** Afghanistan, Iraq, Turkey, Japan, China, Syria, Moldavia, Hungary, Ukraine, Poland, Singapore, America, Australia, Pakistan, Netherlands, Korea, Armenia, Italy, Canada, France, Bahrain, UK, Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Russia, Denmark, Senegal, Lebanon, Mexico, India, Germany, Egypt, Taiwan, Romania, Slovakia, Pakistan, Croatia, Nigeria, Oman, Serbia, Slovenia, Vietnam, Georgia, Sudan
1. Foreign applicants who wish to apply for admission:
    - For admission to degree programs, applicants should direct their inquiries to the attention of the International Students Office at [int.admissions@ut.ac.ir](mailto:int.admissions@ut.ac.ir). Detailed information is available at <https://ut.ac.ir/en/page/259/admission>
    - For a short term programs: (one or two semester) stay at the University of Tehran, applicants may send their requests to the Office of International Relations at [international@ut.ac.ir](mailto:international@ut.ac.ir)
    - To apply and study for a certificate in Persian language, applicants may direct their requests to the attention of the International Center for Persian Studies at [icps@ut.ac.ir](mailto:icps@ut.ac.ir).
    - For sabbatical leave or research stay at the University of Tehran, applicants may correspond with the Office of International Relations or with the corresponding college/faculty directly.

2. UT scholarships provide financial grants to a selected number of academically eligible students. The Scholarship programs are determined each respective year and funding is subjected to change. Scholarship applications are sent directly to the Office of International Students at UT and applications by current UT students (after approval by the College/Faculty) will be considered by the UT International Council and decisions will be made based on the C.V. and supporting documents.

Please contact the Office of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences for more information.

3. Accommodation: The University of Tehran has furnished guesthouses near the main campus that are available for visiting scholars. Information about rates and availability can be obtained by sending an email to [international@ut.ac.ir](mailto:international@ut.ac.ir)
4. Foreign visitors who require the arrangement and obtaining of visas by the University of Tehran should correspond with the respective college/faculty/institute. They will be required to complete a visa form, and after confirmation, their visa will be processed facilitated by the Office of International Relations.
5. Requests for the verification of degrees issued by the University of Tehran should be addressed to the General Office of Academic Affairs (Undergraduate), or General Office of Post-Graduate Studies, located at Enghelab Avenue, 16 Azar Street (Email: [acaf@ut.ac.ir](mailto:acaf@ut.ac.ir)).
6. For additional enquiries and assistance, please contact directly the Office of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences at [iasocio@ut.ac.ir](mailto:iasocio@ut.ac.ir)



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