
The development management project TU874

Presentation pattern *November to April*
 May to October

Award information

The Development Management award is for professionals in front-line project management and those with responsibility for development initiatives in a wide range of national and international public and private enterprises. It provides conceptual tools for interpreting rapidly changing environments and teaches skills for the strategic management of change. The award combines three specially designed core courses on development management with other OU courses in management and environment.

Students are strongly recommended to have a first degree; however, non-graduates may be accepted and are recommended to start the award with *Development: context and practice* (TU871), which provides 30 of the 60 points required for the postgraduate certificate and 30 of the 120 points required for the postgraduate diploma. All students must successfully complete *Capacities for managing development* (TU870) and *Institutional development: conflicts, values and meaning* (TU872) as part of the postgraduate diploma. Once they have gained the postgraduate diploma, they can register for the MSc in Development Management and take the core course *The development management project* (TU874/TUXX874).

Person specification

The person specification for this course should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- an academic background in development studies or development management, or experience in development work or management
- ability to provide academic support to students by marking and writing detailed comments on their assignments, and by being available by telephone or email to answer queries on course content
- ability to run tutorials or day schools that provide opportunity for students to share experiences, to discuss and apply course concepts to their own situations, and to receive extra guidance on parts of the course they find difficult (Note: there are no day schools or face-to-face tutorials on this course. Students get support electronically.)
- ability to communicate with the Development Management office in Nottingham and to use the tutors' online forums.

It would be an advantage to have:

- a postgraduate qualification
- teaching or interpersonal training experience.

Core courses

30-point courses

Capacities for managing development TU870/TUXX870

Institutional development: conflicts, values and meanings TU872/TUXX872

The development management project TU874/TUXX874

Optional courses

30-point courses

Creativity, innovation and change B822
Development: context and practice TU871/TUXX871
Ecology, justice and citizenship D830
Environmental decision making: a systems approach T863/TXX863
Environmental ethics T861/TXX861
Environmental valuation and policy D831/DXX831
Rethinking social policy D860
Strategy B820
Technology policy and innovation research T890
The challenge of the social sciences D820
War, intervention and development TU875/TUXX875

60-point courses

Foundations of senior management B800 (now discontinued) or *Fundamentals of senior management* B713

Course description

This is the final, compulsory element in the MSc in Development Management. It gives students an opportunity to undertake an independent piece of work that integrates the knowledge they have gained from the award with an example of current practice in development management. The course builds skills in research project management and develops students' ability to plan, organise and carry out an independent project at postgraduate level. It also allows them to bring their own concerns and experience to the analysis and application of a practical situation in development management.

The end-of-course assessment is a 10,000-word final report. As a tutor for this course, you will be the first marker for the final reports of all students in your tutor group and you will also be invited to be a second marker for other students.

Additional information

- It would be an advantage to have experience in supervising postgraduate student projects.
- TU874 and TUXX874 are presented electronically. TUXX874 is for sponsored students outside the UK or continental Europe. Experience of using electronic forms of distance teaching and support is essential.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	30
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	4
Method of submission for assignments:	1a
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	4
Salary band:	2
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	3.5

There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.