



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS for **Global and Development Studies**

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Valid per 1 september 2026

ROSKILDE UNIVERSITY

1. Admission requirements

Legal Claim

You have a legal right (retskrav) of admission to the master's programme in Global and Development Studies if you have completed one of the following bachelor's programmes at RUC:

Bachelor's degrees in Social Sciences – samfundsvidenskabelige bacheloruddannelser:

- Business Studies & Communication Studies
- Business Studies & Cultural Encounters
- International Studies & Business Studies
- International Studies & Bæredygtig Omstilling
- International Studies & Communication Studies
- International Studies & Cultural Encounters
- International Studies & Geografi
- International Studies & Journalistik
- International Studies & Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier)
- International Studies & Plan, by og proces
- International Studies & Social Psychology of Everyday Life
- International Studies & Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier
- International Studies & Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam

In order to use your legal right of admission you must apply for admission to the master's programme in Global and Development Studies in accordance with current application deadlines and procedures. See application deadlines and procedures on the university's webpage.

If you apply after the application deadline you may only be admitted if the university offers vacant study places.

Specific Admission Requirements

In order to qualify for admission, your bachelor's degree must contain **40 ECTS** within subject areas and scientific methods relevant for global studies and international development studies:

30 ECTS within one or more of the following subject areas:

- Communication Studies
- International Development Studies
- International Law
- Political Economy
- Politics
- Social, Cultural and Political Geography
- Sociology/Anthropology

10 ECTS within one or more of the following subject areas:

- Social science methods corresponding in level to at least the first year of a Danish university programme
- Theory of science corresponding in level to at least the first year of a Danish university programme
- Methods in law studies or history corresponding in level to at least the first year of a Danish university programme

If you do not meet the requirements for methodology/theory of science, you may be offered prerequisite studies prior to the start of your master's studies.

The University makes an individual assessment of whether your qualifications cover the above subject areas to a sufficient extent based on the documents that you upload with your application.

Please note that only formal qualifications (ECTS/credits) are assessed, and that the university only takes ECTS/credits passed as part of or prior to the graduation date of the bachelor's programme into account.

Preapproved Bachelor's Degrees

Preapproved Bachelor's Degrees and Professional Bachelor's Degrees

In section 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 you can see which bachelor's and professional bachelor's degrees have been preapproved as qualifying for admission.

Other Bachelor's or Professional Bachelor's Degrees

If your bachelor's or professional bachelor's degree has not been preapproved as qualifying for admission, the university will assess if your degree fulfills the admission requirements (see section 1.2)

Bachelor's Degrees from RUC Qualifying for Admission

Bachelor's degrees in Humanities - Humanistiske bacheloruddannelser

- Communication Studies & Business Studies
- Communication Studies & International Studies
- Communication Studies & Social Psychology of Everyday Life
- Cultural Encounters & Business Studies
- Cultural Encounters & Communication Studies
- Cultural Encounters & International Studies
- Cultural Encounters & Social Psychology of Everyday Life
- Journalistik & International Studies
- Journalistik & Politik og forvaltning
- Kommunikation & Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier)
- Kommunikation & Dansk
- Kommunikation & Datalogi
- Kommunikation & Filosofi og videnskabsteori
- Kommunikation & Historie
- Kommunikation & Journalistik
- Kommunikation & Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier)
- Kommunikation & Performance-design
- Kommunikation & Politik og forvaltning
- Kommunikation & Psykologi
- Kommunikation & Socialvidenskab
- Kommunikation & Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier
- Kommunikation & Virksomhedsstudier
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Dansk
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Filosofi og videnskabsteori
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Historie
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & International Studies
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Journalistik
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Kommunikation
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Psykologi
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Pædagogik og uddannelsesstudier
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Socialvidenskab
- Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier) & Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier
- Social Psychology of Everyday Life & International Studies
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & International Studies
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Kommunikation
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Kultur- og sprogødestudier

Bachelor's degree in Humanities-Technology - Humanistisk-teknologiske bacheloruddannelser

- Geografi & International Studies
- International Studies & Bæredygtig Omstilling
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & International Studies
- Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam & International Studies
- Bæredygtig Omstilling & International Studies

Bachelor's degrees in Natural Sciences - Naturvidenskabelige bacheloruddannelser

There are currently no programmes of this type that have been preapproved (Read about your opportunities for an individual assessment in section 1.2)

Bachelor's degrees in Social Sciences - Samfundsvidenskabelige bacheloruddannelser

All Social Science bachelor's degrees are preapproved for admission.

- Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier) & Kommunikation
- Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier) & Psykologi
- Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier) & Pædagogik og uddannelsesstudier
- Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier) & Virksomhedsstudier
- Business Administration (single-subject)
- Business Studies & Communication Studies
- Business Studies & Cultural Encounters
- Business Studies & Social Psychology of Everyday Life
- Bæredygtig Omstilling (single-subject)
- Bæredygtig Omstilling & Arbejdsliv
- Bæredygtig Omstilling & Kommunikation
- Bæredygtig Omstilling & Virksomhedsstudier
- Erhvervsøkonomi – HA (single-subject)
- Geografi & Historie
- Geografi & Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier)
- Geografi & Plan, by og proces
- Geografi & Socialvidenskab
- Geografi & Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam
- International Studies (single-subject)
- International Studies & Business Studies
- International Studies & Bæredygtig Omstilling
- International Studies & Communication Studies
- International Studies & Cultural Encounters
- International Studies & Geografi
- International Studies & Journalistik
- International Studies & Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier)
- International Studies & Plan, by og proces
- International Studies & Politik & Forvaltning
- International Studies & Social Psychology of Everyday Life
- International Studies & Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier
- International Studies & Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam
- Plan, by og proces & Bæredygtig Omstilling
- Plan, by og proces & Filosofi og videnskabsteori
- Plan, by og proces & Kommunikation
- Plan, by og proces & Performance-design
- Plan, by og proces & Psykologi
- Plan, by og proces & Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier
- Plan, by og proces & Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam
- Politik og forvaltning (single-subject)
- Politik og forvaltning & Computer Science
- Politik og forvaltning & Datalogi

- Politik og forvaltning & Historie
- Politik og forvaltning & Informatik
- Politik og forvaltning & Journalistik
- Politik og forvaltning & Kommunikation
- Politik og forvaltning & Plan, by og proces
- Politik & Forvaltning & Socialvidenskab
- Politik og forvaltning & Virksomhedsstudier
- Samfundsøkonomi
- Socialvidenskab (single subject)
- Socialvidenskab & Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier)
- Socialvidenskab & Dansk
- Socialvidenskab & Geografi
- Socialvidenskab & Historie
- Socialvidenskab & Journalistik
- Socialvidenskab & Kommunikation
- Socialvidenskab & Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier)
- Socialvidenskab & Plan, by og proces
- Socialvidenskab & Psykologi
- Socialvidenskab & Pædagogik og uddannelsesstudier
- Socialvidenskab & Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier)
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Bæredygtig Omstilling
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Journalistik
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Kommunikation
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Kulturmødestudier (Tidligere Kultur- og sprogødestudier)
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Psykologi
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Pædagogik og uddannelsesstudier
- Sundhedsfremme og sundhedsstrategier & Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam
- Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam (single-subject)
- Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam & Arbejdsliv (Tidligere Arbejdslivsstudier)
- Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam & Kommunikation
- Teknologisk-samfundsvidenskabelig planlægning, TekSam & Virksomhedsstudier
- Virksomhedsstudier & Journalistik
- Virksomhedsstudier & Kommunikation
- Virksomhedsstudier & Psykologi

Bachelor's Degrees from Other Universities Qualifying for Admission

Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

- Business Administration and Sociology
- Europæisk Business
- International Business
- International Business and Politics

Danmarks Tekniske Universitet/Technical University of Denmark (DTU)

There are currently no programmes of this type that have been preapproved (Read about your opportunities for an individual assessment in section 1.2)

IT-Universitetet/IT University of Copenhagen (ITU)

There are currently no programmes of this type that have been preapproved (Read about your opportunities for an individual assessment in section 1.2)

Københavns Universitet/University of Copenhagen (KU)

- Antropologi
- Geografi og geoinformatik
- Historie
- Jura
- Mellemøstens sprog og samfund
- Miljø- og fødevareøkonomi
- Moderne Indien og sydasiestudier
- Religionsvidenskab
- Samfundsfag
- Sociologi
- Statskundskab
- Økonomi
- Østeuropastudier

Syddansk Universitet/University of Southern Denmark (SDU)

- European Studies
- Historie
- Jura
- Market and Management Anthropology
- Økonomi
- Religionsstudier
- Sociologi og Kulturanalyse
- Statskundskab

Aarhus Universitet/Aarhus University (AU)

- Antropologi
- Arabisk- og Islamstudier
- Historie
- Jura
- Medievidenskab
- Politik og økonomi
- Religionsvidenskab
- Ruslandstudier
- Samfundsfag
- Statskundskab
- Økonomi

Aalborg Universitet/Aalborg University (AAU)

- Geografi
- Historie
- Jura
- Politik og Administration
- Samfundsfag
- Sociologi
- Sprog og Internationale Studier
- Økonomi

Other bachelor degree's

There are currently no programmes of this type that have been preapproved (Read about your opportunities for an individual assessment in section 1.2)

Professional Bachelor's Degrees Qualifying for Admission

There are currently no programmes of this type that have been preapproved (Read about your opportunities for an individual assessment in section 1.2)

Pre-approved bachelor's degrees from other countries than Denmark

If your bachelor's programme is listed below you fulfill the specific admission requirements.

If your programme is not listed below, the Admissions Office will assess if the academic content of your educational background fulfils the specific admission requirements.

We are not able to assess your qualifications before you apply for a master's programme.

Argentina

- National University of Sct. Martin > Sociology
- University of Buenos Aires > Political Science
- University of Palermo > International Relations (Licencido/a)
- University of Palermo > Political Science (Licenciatura)

Australien

- Australian National University > International Relations

Brasilien

- Fundação Getulio Vargas > International Relations

Canada

- McGill University > Development Studies (major)
- University of Montreal > International Studies

Colombia

- University of Los Andes > Global Studies

Finland

- University of Helsinki > Politics, Media and Communication

Frankrig

- ESPOL – European School of Political and Social Sciences > Political Science

Færøerne

- University of Faroe Islands > Social Science in Politics and Administration

Holland

- Leiden University > International Studies
- Maastricht University > Global Studies

Indien

- O.P. Jindal Global University > Global Affairs (B.A.Honours)

Island

- University of Iceland > Political Science
- University of Iceland > Sociology

Italien

- Rome Sapienza University > Political Science and international Relations

- University of Bologna > International Development and Cooperation

Japan

- Waseda University > Political Science

Norge

- University of Bergen > Comparative Politics
- University of Oslo > International Studies
- University of Stavanger > Political Science

Polen

- University of Wroclaw > Global Studies specialty in International Relations

Portugal

- University of Lisboa > International Relations

Spanien

- Complutense University of Madrid > International Relations

Sverige

- Lund University > Development Studies
- Malmö University > International Migration and Ethnic Relations
- University of Gothenburg > International Relations

Sydafrika

- University of Johannesburg > Development Studies (Joint Honours)
- University of Johannesburg > Development Studies and International Relations (Joint Honours)
- University of Johannesburg > Development Studies and Political Studies (Joint Honours)

Storbritannien

- Queen Mary University of London > Politics and International Relations
- University of Manchester > Politics and international Relations

Tjekkiet

- Mazaryk University > International Relations and European Politics

Tyskland

- Freie Universität > Political Science
- University of Hamburg > Political Science
- University of Heidelberg > Political Science

USA

- St. Lawrence University > Global Studies
- University of California San Diego > Global South Studies

Applicants Who Do Not Hold a Bachelor's Degree

If you do not hold a bachelor's degree as a rule you cannot be admitted to a master's programme. However, you may apply for admission if you fulfill the following criteria:

You have academic qualifications at a bachelor's level.

You have completed a minimum of 180 ECTS points within a relevant higher education programme.

The course of study must be coherent and there must be progression throughout the course of study.

The University will make a concrete assessment of your academic qualifications.

2. Commencement and Transitional Provisions

Entry Into Force

These admission requirements enter into force on 1.2.2025 and apply for admission to the programme from 1.9.2025 unless stated otherwise. Changes to these requirements have been approved by the Rector on 15.01.2025