

MSS in Development Studies

Course Description

DST 501. Introduction to Development Studies (4 credits):

Concepts of Debates; Civil Society, State and Market; Economic Development as Modern Structural Transformation; Underdevelopment, Dependence, Global Inequality, and Cultural Difference; Agricultural Transformation, Rural Society, and Traditional Culture; The question of Population Pressure; Poverty: Measures, Causes, Trends, and Alleviation; Rational Choice Theory, Transparency, Property Rights, and Governance, and Institutions; Women, Gender and Development; State and Politics; Critical Alternatives in Development.

DST 503. Executive Skills for Development Professionals (4 Credits): Project Preparation and Proposal Development; Problem Analysis, Objective Formulation and Project Design; Pre-Feasibility and Feasibility; Relevance of the Project; The Macroeconomic, Cultural Context and Policies of Projects; Project Efficiency; Evaluation and Monitoring; Project Effectiveness; Project Effect and Impact; Economic and Financial Analysis; Sustainability and Replicability.

DST 505. Research Methods in Development Studies (4 Credits): Development Paradigm and Discourse Analysis; Basic Research; Applied Research; Summative Evaluation; Formative Evaluations; Action research; Social Impact Assessment; Farming and Market Research; Mixed Methodology (qualitative and quantitative research) Techniques; Participatory Research; Gender and Feminist Research; Critical Research; Logical Framework Approach

Elective Courses (All 3 Credits)

DST 601. The History of Development in Bangladesh (3 Credits): Economic and Development Trends Under British Empire; Agrarian Economy; Development Policies in Bangladesh; Entrepreneurship; Governance, Management, and Efficiency; Gender, Equity, and Human Rights; Human Development and Regional Perspectives; Poverty Alleviation; A Village Perspective and Local Trends; Urbanization Issues; Environmental Issues; Current Debates

DST 603. Hunger, Poverty and Development in Market Economies (3 Credits)

World Hunger; Globalization; Global Growth and Inequality; Poverty and Hunger; Debates on Globalization; Global Poverty; Structural Inequalities; Health Environments; Crisis Conditions; Famine Crises in Africa and Asia; Famine Crises in Bangladesh; Dealing with Food Crises in Bangladesh; Hunger and Poverty in Bangladesh; Policy and Hunger in Bangladesh.

DST 605. Society, Culture, and Development in Bangladesh (3 Credits)

GRAM (Village) and its Illusive Structure; River, Delta and the formation of *GRAM*; Settlement Pattern of *GRAM*; Culture and Voluntarism; Religion and Belief System; Power- Structure of Village; Politics and role of religion; Land structure and rise of landed tribune and elite; Multi-focal Power Structure; Alliance of NGO, Business Elite, Multinational Companies; Land Reform, Structure of Peasantry and NGO, Women and Local Government; Rural Development and the Poor; Mobility, Migration and Global Integration.

DST 607. Peoples' Knowledge, Development and Resource Management (3 Credits)

People and Indigenous Knowledge System; Indigenous Knowledge and Western Knowledge; Indigenous Knowledge Research Methodologies; Intellectual Property Rights; Common Property Resources; Cultural Heritage; Development and Livelihood; Ethno-science: Ethno-botany and Ethno-zoology; New Agricultural Movement; *Khonar Bochon*: Agriculture and Weather; Cultural Construction of River and Water.

DST 611. Development Institutions, NGOs and Agencies (3 Credits)

NGOs and different theories; NGO and Donors; NGO and Government; NGO and Business; NGO and Civil Society; NGO, State and Donor Partnership; Partnership and Interface Management; Development agencies (New Roles and Relevance); NGO and Village Community; Organization Development and Group Formation; Organization and Management of Microcredit and Finance; Organization and Health Management (Family Planning and Reproductive Health) Programs; Organization and management of Education Programs; Social Mobilization and Empowerment; Grassroots Democracy

DST 613: Micro-Credit and Development Management (3 Credits)

Micro-credit policies and the poor; Different Schools of Thoughts and Micro-Finance Discourse; Informal credit market; Micro-Finance Institutions; The History, Origin, Present Role of Micro-Credit in Poverty Alleviation; Grameen Bank Model and Global Implication; Alternate Approaches/Models of Micro-Finance; Micro-Credit and Group Formation; Savings and Credit Management; Cultural Construction of Money and Micro-Credit; Micro-Credit System Setup and Project Development. Micro-Credit and Institutional Sustainability.

DST 620. Environment and Development (3 Credits)

Major global and national environmental issues; Sustainable Development and Economic Growth; Importance of People's Participation; Conservation and Enhancement of Ecosystem; Carrying Capacity; Development and Human Health; Population pressure, Poverty and Environment; Environmental Conventions and Laws.

DST 622. Environmental Problems in Bangladesh (3 Credits)

Geography of Bangladesh and Environmental Situation; Arsenic in Groundwater; Health and Poor Sanitation; Pollution of Air, Water and Land through Urbanization and Industrialization; Loss of Wetlands and Fisheries; Loss of Tree Cover and Soil Erosion; Flood Dislocation, Drought and People's Adaptations; Role of Government and NGOs in Natural Disaster Management.

DST 624. Land and Water in Bangladesh (3 Credits)

History and Idea of Water Resources; Water, River and Culture; Land and Water Resources of Bangladesh; Land Use statistics and Land Utilization; Development and Effects on Land and Water resources; Best Practices and Projects; Water for Fishers and Irrigation; Green and White Revolution; Shrimp Farming and Polders; River Embankments (Cross Border and Internal) and Flood Control; Ecology of Sunderban; Natural Water Master Plan of 2002.

DST 631. Organizational Communication in Development (3 Credits):

Organizational Communication Process; Grapevine and Rumor, Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication; Listening Skills and Barriers to Effective Listening. Group Processes of Decision-Making; Teamwork; Conflict And Healing In Communication; Management Structures and Functions; Media and Organizational Communication: Media Technologies; Formal And Informal Communication Networks.

DST 633. Communication for Development (3 Credits)

Indigenous Communication process; Communication between Development Practitioners and Stakeholders; Organization Communication; Group Communication; Gender Communication; Intercultural Communication; Communication Problematic; Martial development; IT and Telecommunication; Communications and Information Flows into the Design and Conduct of Development Programs.

DST 641. Population and Development (3 Credits)

Malthusian Theory; New Theories of Fertility Decline; Ideational Change Theory; Family Planning; Population Dynamics and Development; Development Planning and Multi-Sectoral Approach; Population and Education; Female Empowerment and Law; Health Programs and Infrastructure Development; Infant and Maternal Mortality; Reproductive Health.

DST 643. Migration and Mobility in Bangladesh (3 Credits)

Local, Temporary, Seasonal, Regional, Rural-Rural, Rural-Urban, Inter-Urban, and International Migration; Transportation Issues; Role of Social Networks: Resettlement and Housing Process; Social Mobility; Refugees, Illegal Migration; Cultural Adaptation, Conflict, and Assimilation; Labor Mobility. Mobility Effects on Various Groups; Mobility in Bangladeshi Society, Culture, and Economy.

DST 651. Gender Issues in Development Studies (3 Credits)

Empowerment and Conscientization of Women ; Women and Development (WAD); Women in Development (WID); Gender, Environment and Development (GED); Gender and Development (GAD); Patriarchy and Misogyny; Feminism; Women (Nature versus Nurture); Gender (Class versus Culture); Religion and Women; Household and Gender; Human Rights and Gender. Gender Programs and Development Organizations.

DST 653. Human Rights, Law and Development (3 Credits)

Traditional Eastern Concepts of Social Rights and Responsibilities; Religious Sanctions, Social Values and Moral Duties; New Human Rights from Mid 20th Century, UDHR and Rights as a Western Concepts; UN System; Human Right Law and Bangladeshi Position; Economic, Political and Social Rights; Rights of Women; Children and Minority Rights; Rights, Violations and Legal Activism; Legal Aid as a Right; Justice System – Informal (*Shalish*, etc.) and Formal Justice and its Effectiveness in Bangladesh. Violations as an Impediment to Development.

DST 661. Urbanization and the Informal Sector in Bangladesh

(3 Credits)

Urban Economy, New Firms and Economic Growth, Industries, Informal Occupations; The Organization of Firms and Work; The Role Of Globalization; Working Conditions; Housing and Transportation; Land-Use And Environmental Problems; Living Conditions Among Informal Sector Families; Peasants and Cities; Development Programs and Unplanned Sector; NGO and Urban Poor.

DST 663. Urbanization and Environmental Health (3 Credits)

Process of Urbanization, Determinants and Consequences; Some Salient Measures of Urbanization (Urban Rural Ratio, Arriaga's Index); Urbanization Linked Features of Migration; Housing Situation in Urban Congested Areas, Effects of Environmental Factors on Health; Common Contagious Diseases and Their Prevalence, Incidence and Treatment Seeking Behavior among the Population; Links Between Urbanization, Waste Disposal, Environmental Health. Examples Of Dengue, Diarrheal Diseases, ARI, Arsenicosis, Malaria, RTI/STD, Scabbies, HIV; Development Activities And Quality Of Life; People's Participation: Community Awareness Building And Role Of Media

DST 671. Regional Perspectives on Development in Bangladesh

(3 Credits):

The National Economy of Bangladesh and Internal Regions; Development Histories, Trajectories, and Problems; Bangladesh and South and Southeast Asia; Geography, Regional Development Activity and Bangladesh National Territory; International Organizations, Regional Organization, Sub-National and Multi-National Economic Zones, and Cross-Border Problems of Migration, Refugees, Conflict, Trade, and Communication.

DST 673. Bangladesh Localities in a World of Globalization

(3 Credits):

Economic, Political, Cultural, and Social Dimensions; Globalization and Manifestations in Local Settings in Bangladesh; Local Sites and Forces of Globalization; People and Global Dimensions of Local Development; Organizations and the Interface between Global and Local Development Processes; The Role of The National Government and Development Interface.

DST 675. Governance and Development in Bangladesh (3 Credits):

Governance Issues and Public Discourse in Bangladesh; Governance Problems, their Specific Characteristics, Possible Solutions, and Targeted Interventions; Organized Interventions and Governance Problems; Local Government; Electoral Reform; Corruption; Transparency and accountability. National, International, and Global Institutions; NGOs, Civil Society Organizations, and Private Sector Actors.

DST 677. Poverty Alleviation in Bangladesh (3 Credits):

Poverty in Bangladesh. Poverty Reduction Strategy; United Nation's Millennium Goals and Bangladesh; Poverty Analysis (Quantitative And Qualitative); Representation of Poor and Poverty In Development Thinking; Landless People: Polarization and Persistence of Poor People; Poverty Issues; Rural Development and The Poor; Different Poverty Reduction Strategies and Approaches.

DST 681. Business Enterprise and Development in Bangladesh

(3 Credits)

Economic Growth and Private Enterprise; Income Generation and Living Standards by Financing Business Activity and Promoting Entrepreneurship; Profit-Making Enterprises and Development; Rural And Urban Business Activity; Firms In Agriculture, Primary Processing, Manufacturing, Energy, Construction, Transportation, and Services; The Investment Process And Employment; Improve Technology and Development Deliverables; Transportation, Consumer Goods, Information, Health, and Governance.

DST 683. The Private and Public Sectors in Development (3 Credits)

The Idea of Private and Public Partnership in the Development Process; Government Policies and Growth and Constrain Business Enterprise; Business and Governance; Market Freedom and Democracy; Government Policy-Making, International Business Interests, and Domestic Business Activity; Donors and Government Policy, Multinational Corporations.

DST 685. Rural Market and Development (3 Credits):

Hut and Bazar Networks; Spatial Analysis of *Hut*; Distribution and Characteristics of Periodic Markets; Traders and Intermediaries, Purchasers and Villagers at Periodic Markets; Functions of Periodic Markets; Peasants and Rice Market; Fertilizer, Pesticide and Insecticide Markets; Rural and Urban Market Continuum; National and Multinational Companies and Rural Market.

DST 693. Statistical Methods in Development Research (3 Credits):

Research Design; Descriptive measures – means, median, mode, variance. Variables and Hypotheses, Measurements and its levels; Reliability and Validity; Index Construction; Scales and Social Indicators, Random Assignments, Sampling, Survey Methods, Organizing and Analyzing Quantitative Data.

DST 699 Research/Field Work for Master Thesis (9 Credit)

The primary objectives of research and field work will be to link theory to practice, evolve new pattern with emphasis on system management and program/project development and to capture development impact in the following areas: Gender and Development, Policy Advocacy and Good Governance, Environment, Credit and Micro Finance, Education (children and adult), Social Mobilization and Empowerment, Campaign and Material Development, Grassroots Democracy, Family Planning and Reproductive Health, Children and Women, Water and Sanitation, religion, Natural and Social Disaster Management, etc. or any innovative projects.