

Bachelor's Programme in Development Studies

Fieldwork, internship, desk studies in BIDS

In the first half of the 6th semester, you will take a department-specific course in Fieldwork/Internship/Research Overview.

- Economic History - EKHK17
- Human Geography - SGED07
- Political Science - SVTB30
- Sociology - SOCB24

We call this the "three-track course" because within this course you will have the option to select between one of the three study tracks:

1. Fieldwork
2. Internship
3. Research overview

This course offering is slightly different depending on which department you are majoring in. You will have a special information meeting with the course convener of your chosen three-track course in mid-October once the application period has closed for this course.

Choosing your track:

Fieldwork track:

The track is an opportunity for students who are interested in doing fieldwork in developing countries. While the final product is a thesis, the student will also be required to write a fieldwork diary to be submitted to the course convener. Students can either fund their own fieldwork or can apply for travel funding to cover their travel and fieldwork expenses. The program **does not** cover fieldwork costs.

Rules:

- Specific assignments within the fieldwork track vary by department.
- A fieldwork agreement must be approved and signed by the three-track course convener at the major department, the student, and the local contact person **before the commencement of your fieldwork**.
- In addition to the fieldwork agreement, you will need to enclose a project description of max 3000 words.

If you are choosing the fieldwork track you should reach out to the course convener of your department's three-track course as soon as possible after the start of semester 5 to start a conversation about your plans. They will guide you in this process.

Insurance:

You will be insured during your fieldwork as long as we have received a signed fieldwork agreement before the commencement of your fieldwork. Once you have submitted your signed agreement to your course convener you will receive an insurance certificate from the department.

The Legal, Financial and Administrative Services Agency (Kammarkollegiet) insurance Student-Out will insure you as a student during your fieldwork abroad.

Currently, the terms of the insurance guarantee the student personal injury cover and medical care for students who will be abroad for the duration of their fieldwork.

Please note that the insurance is valid for **one country only**. If you plan to travel as part of your fieldwork, i.e. not for leisure, the major department will need to acquire additional insurance for the duration of the trip.

You must let us the course convener know well beforehand if this is the case so they have time to make proper arrangements.

For full terms and conditions please

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Fieldwork that exceeds the duration of the 10-week fieldwork, internship, and desk studies course, requires special dispensation from the course convener at the major department.

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Internship track:

This track is an opportunity for students to carry out an internship within an organization of the student's choice. The organization must, however, be approved by the three-track course convener. The internship should last approximately ten weeks (the full duration of the course). The BIDS program does not provide the students with a list of internship opportunities but will help with letters of introduction. The internship course is separate from the thesis course, but if the host organization and thesis supervisor allow it, the time and source material from the internship may be used as part of the thesis work. If the student uses findings or material from the internship to produce their thesis, the student still needs to fulfill the academic requirements of the thesis course.

Rules:

- Assignments within the internship course track vary by department.
- The internship organization must appoint a supervisor for the student.
- Internship agreements are standard between departments and must be approved and signed by the three-track course convener at the major department, the student, and the supervisor at the internship organization.
- This agreement must be signed by all parties **before the start of the internship period and submitted to the course convener for filing.**
- The internship course is part of the student's academic studies. Therefore, the student should work with tasks relevant to their field of study. The student must not replace an employee.
- The internship must be full-time (40 hours per week), and the student must not work more than stipulated by these regulations. Within these hours, the student should be able to devote 20% of their time to coursework (to fulfill the assessment tasks for the examiner at the university). The length of the internship is regulated by the course syllabus (minimum of 10 weeks).
- It is the student's responsibility to cover the costs related to the internship.

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Research overview track (desk-studies)

The final option (and most common choice) open to the students is to take a literature course. The aim of the course is to allow the students to read some of the classic and contemporary work within their major. The course gives the student a chance to read up on some of the theoretical aspects of the topic chosen for the thesis but is also an opportunity to collect secondary data.

No special rules or pre-course deadlines apply to this track.