

UNIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INFORMATION BROCHURE

Undergraduate, postgraduate and short-stay pathways

Apply online

International applicants **do not** need to purchase an application e-voucher.

Application cycle

Applications from international students are reviewed on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply by 31 July for September entry.

Language of instruction

English is the language of instruction at the university. English support is available through the Department of Languages.

Contact

International Students' Office
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Admissions portal: admissions.uds.edu.gh

1. Overview

This brochure brings together important information for prospective international applicants to the University for Development Studies. Available study pathways, admission expectations, application steps, required documents, indicative fees, and programme options are presented in one place.

Applicants are advised to check the admissions portal or submit an [enquiry form](#) for programme-specific requirements, since some programmes may require grades or qualifications above the minimum general guidance.

Undergraduate Senior secondary qualification or equivalent	Postgraduate Bachelor's degree or equivalent	Short-stay One trimester for coursework, fieldwork or research attachment	Support English support and admissions guidance available
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2. How to apply

Step 1 Create an application account Visit the admissions portal, choose Sign Up and select International Applicant . Complete the sign-up process and your login credentials will be sent to your email.	Step 2 Complete the online application Sign in, complete all sections, choose your programme, upload supporting documents and review your entries carefully.	Step 3 Submit and monitor Submit the form through the portal and log in periodically to check your status or respond to any request for further information.
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Required documents

- Proof of identity such as a passport bio-data page or recognised national ID
- Certified copies of relevant academic certificates
- Academic transcripts, mainly for postgraduate applicants
- Recent passport photograph with white background
- Additional documents where applicable, such as English test results, CV, research proposal, references, or professional licence

Visa and immigration

- Apply for a Study Visa, where required, through the Ghanaian embassy or consulate in your home country.
- Your passport should normally have at least six months validity at the time of travel.
- A formal UDS admission letter is required for visa processing.
- Students enrolled for more than one trimester must obtain a Residence Permit after arrival in Ghana.
- Residence permit support is coordinated through the International Students' Office at DIRA.

Important notes

- Upload clear documents in PDF or image format.
- Documents not issued in English should include certified English translations.
- An application is not complete until it has been submitted.
- After submission, the form can be viewed but not edited.
- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Apply by 31 July for September entry where possible.

Pre-departure and arrival guidance

- Travel with your passport, study visa, original admission letter, proof of accommodation, vaccination records including Yellow Fever, health insurance, and copies of academic credentials.
- The main entry point is Kotoka International Airport in Accra. Students may continue to Tamale by domestic flight or by road.
- Notify DIRA at least two weeks before travel if you require meet-and-assist support during designated arrival periods.
- On arrival, present your passport, visa, and admission letter to immigration officers and make sure your entry stamp is visible.
- During your first weeks, report to DIRA, complete departmental registration, and begin residence permit formalities where applicable.

Students should contact the International Students' Office early for visa, arrival, and residence permit guidance.

3. Admission requirements

Undergraduate entry

- Applicants are admitted on qualifications equivalent to Ghanaian senior high school standards.
- Applicants from non-English countries should show English proficiency. The general guide gives IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 70 as the minimum benchmark.
- Regional examples include WASSCE, SSCE, NECO, GCE A-Level, KCSE, UACE, ACSEE, IB Diploma, European Baccalaureate, HSC, CBSE, HSSC, and equivalent secondary certificates that qualify the applicant for university admission in the home country.

Postgraduate entry

- Applicants should hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution equivalent to at least Second-Class Lower Division in Ghana.
- Applicants from non-English-speaking countries should normally show IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 80, unless alternative English evidence is accepted.
- Equivalent degree classifications are recognised across Africa, Europe, Asia, the Americas and other regions as outlined in the institutional guide.

Regional guidance summary

The institutional guide recognises a wide range of secondary and tertiary qualifications from West, Central, East, Southern and North Africa, Europe, Asia, North America and Latin America. For undergraduate study, the central test is whether the qualification grants access to university-level study in the home country and meets subject requirements for the chosen programme. For postgraduate study, the central test is whether the prior degree is accredited and comparable to at least a Lower Second Class standing in Ghana.

Short-stay international students

- Short-stay students are non-degree students enrolled for one academic trimester for coursework, fieldwork, research attachment or exchange.
- Undergraduate short-stay applicants should be enrolled in a recognised undergraduate programme, or hold a secondary qualification that permits undergraduate admission in the home country.
- Postgraduate short-stay applicants should be enrolled in a Master's or PhD programme, or hold a recognised bachelor's degree for taught postgraduate or research attachment purposes.
- Applicants should provide evidence of academic standing, institutional endorsement, English competence, and a brief study or research plan. A learning agreement is needed where credits will be transferred.

4. Undergraduate programme options

The list below compiles the undergraduate options available in the University. Entry level and mode vary by programme, with many options available at Level 100 and selected options permitting Level 200 or Level 300 entry.

Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Sciences

- Diploma in Agriculture Technology
- Dip. in Family and Consumer Sciences
- Diploma in Agricultural Education
- BSc Agriculture Technology
- BSc Agribusiness
- BSc Family and Consumer Sciences
- BEd Family and Consumer Sciences
- BSc Food Science and Technology
- Dip. Food Science and Technology
- BSc Food Systems
- BSc Agricultural and Food Economics
- BEd Agricultural Science

Faculty of Sustainable Development Studies

- BSc Land Administration
- BSc Planning
- BSc Sustainable Development Studies
- BA Community Development Studies
- BA Development Education Studies
- Diploma in Development Education
- BA Peace and Security Studies

Institute of Distance Education

- Diploma in Basic Education
- BEd Basic Education
- BEd Early Childhood Care and Education
- BSc Accounting
- BSc Banking and Finance
- BSc Marketing
- BSc Human Resource Management

School of Business

- BSc Accounting
- BSc Banking and Finance
- BSc Business Information Systems
- BSc Finance and Economics
- BSc Human Resource Management
- BSc Marketing
- BSc Procurement and Supply Chain Management
- BSc Public Administration
- Diploma in Business Administration

Faculty of Natural Resources and Environment

- BSc Biodiversity Conservation
- BSc Ecotourism and Hospitality Management
- BSc Natural Resources Management
- BSc Environmental Management and Sustainability
- BSc Forest Resources Conservation and Management

Faculty of Physical Sciences

- BSc Chemical Science and Technology
- BSc Computer Science
- BSc Mathematics
- BSc Computing Mathematics
- BSc Statistics
- BSc Actuarial Science
- BSc Engineering Physics

Faculty of Industrial Art and Technology

- BA Creative Art and Technology

School of Allied Health Sciences

- BSc Community Nutrition
- BSc Medical Imaging Technology
- Doctor of Medical Laboratory Science

School of Nursing and Midwifery

- BSc Midwifery
- BSc Nurse Practitioner
- BSc Nursing
- BSc Paediatric Nursing

Faculty of Biosciences

- BSc Aquaculture and Fisheries Science
- BSc Biotechnology and Molecular Biology
- BSc Forensic Science
- BSc Microbiology
- BSc Biological Science
- BSc Biochemistry
- Diploma in Biotechnology and Molecular Biology
- Diploma in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science

Faculty of Social Sciences

- BA Political Science
- BA Sociology
- BA Social Work
- BA History

Faculty of Communication and Media Studies

- Diploma in Social Change Communication
- BSc Social Change Communication
- BA Journalism Studies
- BA French
- BA Performing Arts
- BA Public Relations and Advertising

School of Medicine

- BSc Physician Assistant (Anaesthesia)
- BSc Physician Assistant
- MBChB (Medicine)

School of Public Health

- BSc Public Health
- BSc Health Information Management

Faculty of Law

- Bachelor of Law (LLB)

School of Engineering

- BSc Geological Engineering
- BSc Mechanical Engineering
- BSc Agricultural Engineering
- BSc Environmental Engineering
- BSc Civil Engineering

Faculty of Education

- Diploma in Basic Education
- Diploma in Early Childhood Education
- BEd Basic Education
- BEd Early Childhood Education
- BEd Business Studies
- BEd Inclusive Education
- BEd Guidance and Counselling
- BEd Social Sciences
- BEd Arabic
- BEd Dagbani
- BEd Economics
- BEd Geography
- BEd History
- BEd Political Science
- BEd English
- BEd French
- BEd Languages
- BEd Social Studies
- BEd Maths
- BEd Computing
- BEd ICT
- Diploma in ICT
- BEd HPE
- BEd Science
- BEd Biology
- BEd Chemistry
- BEd Physics
- Diploma in Agricultural Science Education
- BEd Agricultural Science

School of Dentistry

- MBChB (Dentistry)

School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

- Doctor of Pharmacy

School of Veterinary Sciences

- BSc Veterinary Nursing

5. Postgraduate programme options

The list below is a compilation of the postgraduate options available in the University. Many taught programmes run for one or two years and doctoral programmes typically extending to three or four years.

School of Allied Health Sciences

- MSc Public Health Nutrition
- MPhil Public Health Nutrition
- MPhil Chemical Pathology
- PhD Public Health Nutrition
- PhD Chemical Pathology

School of Nursing and Midwifery

- MSc Nursing
- MPhil Nursing

Faculty of Social Sciences

- MA Development Sociology
- MPhil Development Sociology
- PhD Development Sociology

Faculty of Sustainable Development Studies

- MPhil Development Education Studies
- PhD Development Studies
- MA Development Education

Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Sciences

- MSc Agricultural Biotechnology
- MPhil Agricultural Biotechnology
- PhD Agricultural Biotechnology
- PhD Agricultural Economics
- PhD Animal Science
- PhD Crop Science
- PhD Horticulture
- PhD Innovation Communication
- PhD Post Harvest Technology
- PhD Soil and Water Conservation and Management
- PhD Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- PhD Food Science and Technology
- MSc/MPhil Innovation Communication
- MSc/MPhil Food Science and Technology
- MPhil Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- MSc/MPhil Agricultural Project Management and Policy
- MSc/MPhil Agricultural Economics
- MSc/MPhil Animal Science
- MSc/MPhil Crop Science
- MSc/MPhil Horticulture
- MSc/MPhil Post Harvest Technology
- MSc/MPhil Soil and Water Conservation and Management

Faculty of Physical Sciences

- PGD Mathematics
- PGD Statistics
- MSc Mathematics
- MSc Statistics
- MPhil Statistics
- PhD Mathematics
- PhD Statistics
- MSc Computer Science
- MPhil Computer Science
- PhD Computer Science
- MPhil Computational Physics
- PhD Computational Physics

Faculty of Education

- MEd/MPhil Educational Measurement and Evaluation
- MEd/MPhil Guidance and Counselling
- MEd/MPhil Special Education
- PGDE
- MEd Health Science Education
- MPhil Health Science Education
- MPhil Early Childhood Care Education
- MPhil Agricultural Education
- MPhil Mathematics Education
- Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Educational Leadership
- Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Educational Leadership
- Master of Professional Educational Leadership
- MEd Training and Development
- MPhil Training and Development
- MEd Educational Management and Planning
- MPhil Educational Management and Planning
- MEd Agriculture

School of Economics

- MSc Economic Development Policy
- MPhil Economic Development Policy
- PhD Economic Development Policy

School of Engineering

- MPhil Geological Engineering
- PhD Geological Engineering

School of Public Health

- MPH Maternal and Child Health
- MPhil Population, Sexual and Reproductive Health
- MPH Environmental Health Science
- MPH Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- MPH Public Health Informatics
- MPH Global Health
- MPH Health Policy and Management
- MPhil Community Health and Development
- MSc Community Disaster Resilience Studies

Faculty of Biosciences

- MPhil Fisheries Sciences
- MSc/MPhil Biotechnology
- PhD Fisheries Science
- PhD Sustainable Aquaculture
- PhD Biotechnology

Faculty of Natural Resources and Environment

- MPhil Integrated Water Resource Management
- MPhil Irrigation and Drainage Engineering
- PhD Integrated Water Resource Management
- PhD Irrigation and Drainage Engineering

School of Business

- MBA Accounting
- MBA Finance
- MBA Health Administration
- Master of Public Administration
- MBA Management Information Systems
- MBA Procurement and Supply Chain Management
- MBA Marketing
- MSc Accounting and Finance
- MSc Development Finance
- MSc Leadership and Organisational Development
- MSc Procurement and Supply Chain Management
- MPhil Finance
- MPhil Management Information Systems
- MPhil Human Resource Management
- MPhil Health Services Administration
- MPhil Public Administration
- MPhil Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- MPhil Procurement and Supply Chain Management

School of Medicine

- MPhil Clinical Sciences
- PhD Clinical Sciences
- Master of Health Professions Education
- MPhil Molecular Medicine
- MPhil Clinical Microbiology
- PhD Clinical Microbiology

6. Indicative fees for foreign students, 2026/2027

The schedule below is based on the foreign-student fee guide for 2026/2027. The first fee column applies to non-AU nationals and the second applies to AU and Caribbean nationals.

Programme category	Duration	Non-AU nationals (USD)	AU and Caribbean nationals (USD)
MBChB (Medicine) / Dentistry	6 years	8,750	7,000
Nurse Anaesthesia (Level 200 entry)	3 years	3,000	2,400
Doctor of Pharmacy	6 years	4,000	3,200
Doctor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (Top-Up Level 500 entry)	2 years	2,550	2,040
Doctor of Medical Laboratory Sciences	6 years	3,000	2,400
BSc Nursing / Midwifery / Public Health Nursing	4 years	2,500	2,000
BSc Medical Imaging	4 years	2,500	2,000
BSc Nutrition	4 years	2,500	2,000
BSc Agric Tech / Mechanical Engineering	4 years	2,250	1,800
BSc Veterinary Nursing	4 years	2,500	2,000
Other BSc programmes including science-based BEd	4 years	2,000	1,600
BA / BEd programmes	4 years	1,750	1,400
Diploma programmes, science-based	2 years	1,550	1,240
Diploma programmes, non-science	2 years	1,150	920
MPH / MPH / MCHAD	2 years	3,500	2,800
MPhil programmes, science-based	2 years	3,000	2,400
MBA	2 years	5,500	4,400
MPhil programmes, humanities	2 years	2,750	2,200
MSc programmes, sciences	2 years	2,500	2,000
MSc programmes, humanities	2 years	2,250	1,800
MEd / MA	1 year	2,000	1,600
PGDE	1 year	1,750	1,400
PhD programmes, science-based	3-4 years	4,500	3,600
PhD programmes, humanities	3-4 years	4,250	3,400

These figures should be treated as indicative for planning purposes. Applicants should confirm the applicable fee category and any supplementary charges with the University before payment.

7. Accommodation and living arrangements

International students are encouraged to take up on-campus accommodation and decide early. Limited on-campus housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis, while private hostels and shared apartments are also available around the campuses.

On-campus accommodation

- On-campus accommodation is limited and is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Rooms are furnished with basic amenities such as beds, desks, and ceiling fans.
- International students are encouraged to indicate accommodation preference after receiving an admission offer.
- Accommodation booking for university halls and hostels is done through the accommodation portal using the Unique Identification Number (UIN).

Main hostel options

- Tamale Campus, Dungen: GUSSS Hostel with 2-in-1, 3-in-1, and 4-in-1 rooms, and Sagnarigu Hall with mainly 4-in-1 rooms.
- Nyankpala Campus: Union Hall, Jedda Hall, Nyankpala Hall, and Graduate Hall.
- Clinical students may also access the Clinical Hostel associated with the Tamale Teaching Hospital campus, subject to availability.

Off-campus housing and tenancy

- Private hostels and shared apartments are available around the campuses.
- DIRA can provide a verified list of recommended hostels with reasonable rent and safety standards upon request.
- Students are advised to sign written tenancy agreements and avoid cash payments without receipts.
- Electricity and water may be included in rent or charged separately. Internet is available in some hostels and university libraries.

Indicative monthly living costs

- Accommodation: GHS 800 - 1,500
- Meals: GHS 600 - 1,000
- Transport: GHS 200 - 400
- Miscellaneous: GHS 300 - 600

Students should verify current hostel charges, private rental conditions, and campus allocation procedures before making payment.

8. Final checklist

Before you submit

- Confirm that your chosen programme is available.
- Check that your qualification meets the general or programme-specific entry standard.
- Prepare clear copies of all required documents.
- Obtain certified translations for documents not issued in English.
- Review the fee category that applies to you.

Need help?

- Admissions portal: admissions.uds.edu.gh
- International Students' Office: admissions_international@uds.edu.gh
- International enquiry support may also be provided through the international applicants' [enquiry form](#).
- Applicants who need English support may enquire about the English Proficiency Course run by the Department of Languages.

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