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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO STUDY MASTER PROGRAMMES  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021  
APRIL INTAKE**

The University of Rwanda (UR), through its College of Arts and Social Sciences, School of Governance is pleased to invite interested and qualified candidates for applications for Master of Arts (MA) in Development Studies. The programme offers a solid and balanced academic and professional training in the theory and practice of Development studies. The programme builds on existing skills of the qualified learners. It is a demand-driven programme, that answers the development needs of Rwanda, Africa and the World.

At the end of the programme the student will be positioned to contribute to national and regional sustainable development goals, while appreciating the multi-dimensional and interdisciplinary nature of development theory and modalities of successful development implementation.

The programme aims at training young professionals wishing to pursue careers in public and private administration, development banking, national and international agencies, NGOs, the UN and academia.

**I. Programme, entry requirements, duration, and mode of attendance**

Programme title	Entry requirements	Duration	Mode of attendance
Master of Arts (MA) in Development Studies (DS)	The applicant should hold an Upper 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Honours Degree, or an Equivalent meritorious academic record in the academic field of Humanities and Social Sciences, or, a Lower 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Honours Degree (or equivalent) with a minimum of two years' work experience in a Development-related field.  Computer literacy is essential.  Good command of the English Language is compulsory.	2 years	Weekend programme, Gikondo Campus, Kigali



## II. Key dates for this call

Closing of online application process: **March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## III. Required documents for application

1. A cover letter indicating for which program of study the application is being made and description of the motivation to join the program
2. Detailed curriculum vitae
3. Notarized degree or equivalent approved by HEC
4. Notarized academic transcripts
5. Two recommendation letters from academic referees who are knowledgeable about the applicant,
6. Copy of National identity card or Passport

## IV. Selection criteria

The selection will be essentially done by the assessment of submitted documents. Only applicants who meet the entry requirements indicated above and who have submitted all the required documents will be admitted.

## V. Funding

The College will not give scholarships to admitted candidates. Candidates shall apply for scholarships elsewhere or can be self-sponsored.

## VI. Application process

1. Go to UR Website ([www.ur.ac.rw](http://www.ur.ac.rw))
2. Go to Admission, Applicant Portal and click to ([New Application](#))
3. Fill the **Biographical Form** and click (**Save**) at the end you will get “**Your Student ID Reference Number**”. *Please keep this ID Number as it will be your ID identification for all transactions at UR*



4. Create a PIN of 5 numeric digits, do not start with a 0 (this PIN will serve as your password to access your student account), leave the page and open the link below.
5. Candidates are requested to submit all required documents by using the

Link: [pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php](http://pgfile.ur.ac.rw/pgfile/findme.php)

**NB: All documents must be in PDF**

**If all required documents are not submitted, you cannot go to the next step. When your submission succeeds, you will find a message in your email box**

**For any additional information, clarifications, or inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact:**

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