

Important dates MA programme in Development Studies:

***Please note that the dates and activities are subject to change.***

| Activity                                                        | Date start              | Date end                |
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| <b>Orientation Period</b>                                       | <b>1 September 2026</b> | <b>4 September 2026</b> |
| Introduction Board of Examiners                                 | 3 September 2026        |                         |
| Opening MA Programme 2026-2027                                  | 4 September 2026        |                         |
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| <b>BLOCK 1</b>                                                  | <b>7 September 2026</b> | <b>13 November 2026</b> |
| Orientation block 2 and block 3 courses and Thesis Market Event | 9 October 2026          |                         |
| Final date thesis topics                                        | 19 October 2026         |                         |
| Thesis topic allocated                                          | 26 October 2026         |                         |
| Final date registration for block 2 and block 3 Courses         | 28 October 2026         |                         |
| Examination period block 1                                      | 2 – 6 November 2026     |                         |
| Final date submission of assignments block 1                    | 6 November 2026         |                         |
| Activity Week / Study Break                                     | 9 – 13 November         |                         |

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| <b>BLOCK 2</b>                                      | <b>16 November 2026</b> | <b>5 February 2027</b> |
| Grades block 1 available for students               | 30 November 2026        |                        |
| Final date registration for re-examinations block 1 | 7 December 2026         |                        |
| Deadline for finalising correct-referencing test    | 31 December             |                        |
| Examination period block 2                          | 25 – 29 January 2027    |                        |
| Final date submission of assignments block 2        | 29 January 2027         |                        |
| Activity Week / Study Break                         | 1 – 5 February 2027     |                        |
| Re-examination courses block 1                      | 1 – 2 February 2027     |                        |
| <b>BLOCK 3</b>                                      | <b>8 February 2027</b>  | <b>16 April 2027</b>   |
| Grades block 2 available for students               | 22 February 2027        |                        |
| Grades re-exams block 1 available for students      | 22 February 2027        |                        |
| Final date registration for re-examinations block 2 | 1 March 2027            |                        |

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| Deadline Draft Thesis Design | 15 March 2027 |          |