

Bachelors of Science

GOVERNANCE, ECONOMICS & DEVELOPMENT



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Overview

From the wrenching poverty in the slums of Lagos, the projects of Chicago's South Side, or the Parisian banlieues to the endless riches of Mayfair, Manhattan, and central Shanghai: anyone with a brain knows the world is an unequal place.

What fewer people dwell on is the fact that much of this inequality is man-made: over time, different societies have been organized in different ways, and it seems that these differences in governance produce wildly divergent results in terms of the quality of people's lives. The core challenge of this programme is to better understand this connection and identify the ways in which governance can be used to enhance - or impair - development and prosperity.

Major Tracks:

- > Policy Science
- > International Development
- > Comparative Politics
- > Regional Studies
- > Political Economy
- > Economics
- > Private Sector Governance

Combined Tracks:

The major can also be combined with the following disciplines"

- > International Justice
- > Global Public Health
- > Sustainability

Policy challenges in the rich or poorer world

The BSc in Governance, Economics, and Development (GED) brings together knowledge from the main social science disciplines to train you to begin thinking about how governance can help to improve people's lives. You will be trained in fundamental skills of clear writing, rigorous analysis and state-of-the-art qualitative and quantitative research tools and methods.

The major Governance, Economics and Development is the right one for you if you are curious about:

- > Electoral systems and their consequences for the quality of policy making and representation;
- > Ways to design health care systems to optimally balance quality and equal access;
- > The effects of gender quota on the quality of decision-making in Indian village councils;
- > The extent to which the 'resource curse' really exists;
- > The complex trajectories that lead to electoral violence, riots, or even civil wars;



After Governance, Economics and Development

Broad disciplines coupled with the methodologically coherent training that comprises the GED curriculum provides a solid foundation for admission to competitive graduate programmes in:

- > Political Science
- > Public Administration
- > Public Policy
- > International Development
- > Sociology

There is also a multitude of interdisciplinary Governance and Development themed Masters programmes for you to choose. Additionally - with careful course planning with the options offered by the programme - you are also competitive for graduate programmes in Economics and Data Science programmes. The BSc degree in Governance, Economics and Development major prepares you for entry level careers in business, government, and policy work in the private, public, and non-governmental organizations.

Some examples of our students include a MSc in Public Policy at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, an MPhil in Development at Oxford University, and multiple internships and careers in embassies and non-governmental organisations around the world.

For more information about the programme structure, take a look at the [e-prospectus](#)