

Announcing: The TICCS Master of Arts in **Cross-Cultural Development**

Starting October 2004, Tamale Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies (TICCS) will be offering a Masters degree in Cross-Cultural Development in affiliation with the University for Development Studies (UDS), Tamale.

Accreditation

The degree will be granted by UDS, which is accredited by the National Accreditation Board, Ghana Ministry of Education. UDS also offers a “sandwich” MA in Development Studies spread over four years.

Objectives

The programme blends development theory and practice, the classroom and the field, as it seeks to prepare a new brand of development practitioner for a culturally based, “bottom-up” approach to development.

- Participants learn a local language and culture in context and are guided through the process of becoming an insider in their new culture.
- By means of scholarly reflection, interpretation and analysis, participants are helped to explore local cultural pathways and interpret cultural themes.
- Through close supervision, participants are helped to discover and evolve specialised, culture-specific, problem-solving development initiatives for their local contexts.
- Although the immediate cultural context for the training is Ghana, the lessons are applicable wherever development encounters culture.

Target groups

- Agents or theorists of development who are on sabbatical or who wish to pursue further studies from a cross-cultural perspective.
- Students of Interdisciplinary Studies wishing to integrate their disciplines.
- Development practitioners and fieldworkers wishing to pursue an in-depth culture-based, practical approach to development from below.
- Graduates in fields related to development studies who wish to broaden their area of expertise in “hands-on” development.
- Professionals wishing to master the use of social and cultural analysis in their field research.

Benefits

- an excellent foundation for any career in development work.
- a terminal course of advanced studies for personnel in development organisations and NGOs.
- an ideal preparation for field workers in Ghanaian contexts.
- a preparation for development theory and planning which give priority to local contexts.
- ideal for students of African Studies who wish to pursue fields related to development.
- a multi-disciplinary sabbatical for academics.
- a professional degree for teaching or training purposes.
- an excellent foundation for a further degree in development related disciplines.

Financial information The entire programme costs 16,000 USD.

This includes everything: tuition, registration, institutional fees, accommodation, meals, the period for dissertation-writing and an allowance for books and personal expenses. TICCS offers a limited number of scholarships to Africans.

Requirements

A good BA degree, preferably in the social sciences or with foundational courses in development studies, from a recognized university.

Duration of the Programme (15 months continuous)

- Semesters 1 & 2 (37 weeks 1 October – 30 June) are at TICCS, Tamale and field sites.
- Semester 3 (12 weeks 1 July – 30 Sept) is at TICCS, Tamale or UDS, Navrongo.
- The final 8 weeks (1 Oct – 30 Nov) of dissertation-writing are at TICCS.

Starting Date

The programme starts the beginning of October 2004. Application forms are available.

Programme at a Glance:

TICCS COMPONENT: (11 weeks coursework & 26 weeks fieldwork)

- [Orientation to TICCS (1 wk)]
- Part I. Cross-Cultural Communication (4 courses in 4 wks)
 1. Cross-Cultural Orientation
 2. Language-Learning for C-C Development
 3. Culture-Learning for C-C Development
 4. Development-Learning in C-C Contexts
- Part II. Cultural Analysis (3 courses in 6 wks)
 5. Introduction to Social and Cultural Analysis
 6. The Quest for Meaning
 7. Making the Integration
- Part III. Field Education (26 wks)
 1. Preliminaries, Introductions (1 wk)
 2. Language-Learning and Development (6 wks)
 3. Culture-Learning and Development (6 wks)
 4. Culture-Specific Development (6 wks)
 5. Doing Culture-Specific Development (5 wks)
 6. Integration and Dissertation Preparation (2 wks)

UDS COMPONENT: (3 courses over 16 weeks)

- Core Courses (two required):
 1. Planning and Rural Development: micro and macro perspectives in context
 2. Issues with Respect to Development and Culture: theoretical, historical, and environmental
- Electives (one required):
 1. Peacebuilding and Development: transforming African cultural pathways using culture-drama
 2. Ten Development Case Studies in Africa
 3. Indigenous Knowledge and Development: the African context
 4. Indigenous Technologies and Cultural Change in Africa: the development factor

Assessment

Language and Culture Acquisition according to FSI standards, a mini-ethnography, ten 5000 word essays, and one 20,000 word dissertation.

For further information

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