

Ph.D. Program in International Development (English)

Brief Introduction

The Ph.D. The program in International Development (English) is provided by the School of International Development and Cooperation (SIDC) at the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE). International development is a multidisciplinary subject. International development builds upon the broad base of political science and is imbued with expertise from economics, sociology, anthropology, laws, etc. The Ph.D. program provides three major research themes, which are (1) Theories for international development and global governance – a comparative perspective, (2) International development and economic cooperation, and (3) Innovation and sustainability. The normative period for a full-time student is 3 years. (Students under a specific scholarship scheme can choose to finish the program ahead of time. We also provide the option to apply for a self-paying extension of up to 3 additional years.)

The aim of this Ph.D. program is to train world-class researchers specializing in international development and first-class practitioners in the actual field of international development. SIDC provides comprehensive support to its students to obtain practical knowledge of the field, including building the connection between its students and potential employers of interest. More specifically, our students will obtain the necessary knowledge to navigate their professional careers in academic institutions, international organizations, governmental bodies, international companies, think tanks, etc.

SIDC was founded in 2018 and is currently the only academic entity providing both master's and doctoral degrees in international development in China. Its admission scheme for undergraduate students is also under preparation. Being one of the youngest schools at UIBE, SIDC has the most vibrant demographic composition, with most of its faculty members receiving doctoral degrees from prestigious universities overseas. It will be easy for you to find a supervisor interested in your academic area and to guide you through the arduous but rewarding academic journey.

Training Objectives

SIDC is dedicated to cultivating students who are interested in international development and intend to be a talent with international vision and solid methodological training in social science. More importantly, students will acquire a comprehensive understanding of the development history and goals of China. They will both grasp the Chinese language skills as well as knowledge necessary to develop a career path related to development projects. The range of our programs has been developed to meet your needs whether you intend to pursue a career in academia, business, government, NGOs, or international organizations.

The major aims to cultivate professionals in the field of international development, with a strong theoretical foundation, methodological trainings, cross-cultural communications skills, excellent understanding of the international arena and outstanding research skills in international development and its adjacent fields.

Program Structure and Thesis

As mentioned above, the normative period is 3 years. And the maximum period to complete the program is 6 years. Students with outstanding academic achievements, represented by a piece of qualified thesis, outstanding grades for all the required courses, and the approval from the academic committee, can opt to shorten the normative period.

Curriculum

Here is the detailed structure of a 3-year program in SIDC:

Year 1	1. <u>Research seminars and training modules</u> (please refer to the "Credit Requirement" structure below) 2. Chinese language courses (a passing grade for <u>HSK III</u> is mandatory for graduation) 3. <u>To be assigned to a supervisor</u> who is an expert for the research theme chosen by the student by the end of Semester 1
Year 2	1. Preparation for a <u>comprehensive examination</u>, which will take place in Semester 3. Only those who have successfully passed the examination would be allowed to stay in the program. The school will notify the students of the specified materials to be covered by the examination content at the beginning of Semester 3. 2. To present a detailed <u>research proposal</u> by the end of Year 2. The proposal should include the following sections: (1) research statement, (2) literature review, (3) theoretical framework, (4) methodology, (5) expected findings, and (6) timeline for thesis preparation. 3. (Optional) Students may start their fieldwork once the research committee approves their proposals. 4. Once the research committee approves the proposal, the candidate will start the research, with the final goal to finish a <u>thesis</u> with a word length between 50,000 and 100,000. 5. <u>Fieldwork</u> to gather necessary data for the research 6. SIDC will provide a more detailed timetable at the end of Year 2.
Year 3	1. Thesis drafting, editing, and completion. 2. The <u>oral defense</u> usually takes place in Semester 6.

Credit Requirement

To obtain a Ph.D. Degree in Law in International Development, students should complete 21 credits at a minimum: Basic Degree modules (7 credits), Core Modules (14 credits), and Thesis (3 credits). Those without a previous degree in Political Science/Development Studies shall complete additional 9 credits from the Basic Theories Modules to meet the basic qualification of a Ph.D. candidate. Course options for each module are listed below:

Module List

Module Type	Course Code	Course Name	Hours	Credits	Offering Terms	
					Spring	Fall
Basic Degree Modules	HY001	Basic Chinese (1)	28	2		√
	HY002	Basic Chinese (2)	28	2	√	
	CI001	China Panorama	28	2	√	
	CL001	Business Chinese Listening	14	1	√	
Core Modules	DID001	Classic Readings on International Relations	42	3		√
	DID005	International development cooperation – theories, practice and case studies	42	3	√	
	DID002	Selected topics on political economy	28	2		√
	DID003	Selected topics on sustainable development	28	2		√
	DID006	Quantitative methodology	28	2	√	
	DID004	Selected topics on international and regional studies	28	2		√
Basic Theories Modules	DID008	Classic Readings on Comparative Politics	42	3	√	
	DID007	Development economics	42	3		√
	DID009	Lecture series on advanced studies in international relations & political economy	42	3	√	
	DID010	International regime and global governance	42	3	√	
	DID011	Theories and methods in social science	42	3	√	