

# Bachelor Programs

## Bachelor of Development Studies (BDEVS)-Day Session

The Bachelor of Development Studies (BDEVS) started from 2010 is a four year undergraduate program at the School of Development and Social Engineering (SDSE) under the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Pokhara University. BDEVS is an interdisciplinary course with a total new focus. It aims to deal with the emerging thrust of 21<sup>st</sup> Century on development by producing high quality career oriented professionals, social and development entrepreneurs, and keen academics in the field of development.

### Objectives

The objective of BDEVS program is to produce highly committed and competent development professionals, community planners and social workers, social entrepreneurs, enthusiast academics, and social and development leadership required to national and international development and social organizations for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This is to achieve by imparting interdisciplinary knowledge in areas of development studies incorporating disciplinary and multidisciplinary stocks of knowledge from various disciplines of social sciences as well as management and technology to equip the students with analytical skills and methods, enhance practical skills, and foster inclusive democratic principles and practices.

### Career Opportunities

The graduates from Bachelor of Development Studies (BDEVS) have open opportunities in various fields of development and social engineering, including development professionals in the government and government-funded development projects; international development agencies including UN agencies, bilateral and multilateral agencies; international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), civil societies, and social work. It develops the main path to the career in social and development entrepreneurship. Similarly, there is a growing prospect to pursue higher studies within the country and abroad.

### Course Structure and Curriculum

The BDEVS course constitutes 129 credits including high range of optional subjects, spreading over eight semesters in the following distinct areas:



**Swikriti Adhikari**  
(BDEVS 3<sup>rd</sup> semester topper)

I have a dream to develop my leadership and my personality through sound academic practices. I have had a pleasant platform to fulfill my desire in SDSE. The courses here are not only rich enough for our career advancement but also influential to produce moral citizen required for the betterment of humanity. I have foreseen many career opportunities in my life being involved in the development studies.



**Monika Ranabhat**  
(BDEVS 5<sup>th</sup> semester topper)

childhood I always had a dream to use my voice for those whose voices are unheard and disregarded. Discerning the development failures in Nepal, I realized, there are many social changes neglected in here and lack of initiatives to mitigate such stigmas for the betterment of people. After I accomplished my intermediate level, I was scouring the websites of esteemed universities in Nepal and I found an amazing course in development studies and social engineering at Pokhara University and which matched with my aspirations and ambitions. The education here, has been providing me a solid foundation for a career in development sector; and I am enthralled, I decided to choose BDEVS.



**Sagar Sunuwar**  
BDEVS 1<sup>st</sup> semester topper

I have great enthusiasm to serve my country as an efficient development worker. I have great thirst on knowledge regarding development studies. This very reason became the major foundation that paved my academic career to BDEVS program in SDSE.

As a common student, I also had the feeling of excitement and fear regarding the further academic path after +2 graduation. When my eyes jammed on SDSE Information Brochure, I was fascinated with the courses of BDEVS at once. Here, I am learning to plan sustainable development policies, tackle existing social problems, and make research on various social issues and phenomena.

## Semester-wise Curriculum

First Year					
Semester I			Semester II		
Code	Course Title	Credit	Code	Course Title	Credit
T117	Introduction to Development Studies	3	A116	Sociology and Social Anthropology	3
A113	English I	3	A114	English II	3
A115	Nepali	3	T118	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
T120	Introduction to Population Studies	3	T121	Microeconomics	3
A111	Applied Mathematics	3	T119	Introduction to Population of Nepal	3
			A112	Basic Statistics	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>
Second Year					
Semester III			Semester IV		
Code	Course Title	Credit	Code	Course Title	Credit
T121	Macroeconomics	3	T215	Environment and Development	3
A212	Decentralization and Local Governance	3	M220	Basic Research Methods for Social Sciences	3
A213	Human Rights and Social Justice	3	M221	Demographic Techniques	3
T217	Gender Mainstreaming in Development	3	A214	Introduction to Social Psychology	3
T219	Migration and Urbanization	3	A211	Conflicts Transformation for Development	3
T216	Fundamentals of Human Geography	3			
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>
Third Year					
Semester V			Semester VI		
Code	Course Title	Credit	Code	Course Title	Credit
T312	Development Economics	3	T313	Development Financing	3
T314	Human Ecology and Development	3	T316	Project Management	3
M318	Applied Statistics	3	M319	Information Technology for Social Sciences	3
A311	Introduction to Social Work	3	T315	Poverty and Human Development	3
T317	Tourism and Development	3	Xxxx	Optional II	3
xxxx	Optional I	3			
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
Fourth Year					
Semester VII			Semester VIII		
Code	Course Title	Credit	Code	Course Title	Credit
T415	Sustainable Development	3	A411	Natural Process and Human Response	3
T413	Natural Resource Management	3	T414	Dimensions of Development in Developing Countries	3
T412	Development Policies and Programs	3	M416	Internship	3
O419	Project Work I	3	O420	Project Work II	3
xxxx	Optional III	3	Xxxx	Optional IV	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
Optional Subjects					
Code	Course Title	Credit	Code	Course Title	Credit
O417	Introduction to Geo-Information Science	3	O320	Regional Development	3
xxxx	Social and Environmental Impact Assessment	3	Xxxx	Environmental Economics	3
xxxx	Population and Development	3	Xxxx	Development Theories and Discourse	3
xxxx	Project Analysis and Management	3	O321	Journalism for Development	3
xxxx	Social Welfare in Nepal	3	O418	Health and Development	3
xxxx	Women's Studies	3	Xxxx		



**Monika Budhathoki**  
BDEVs entrance  
topper

I am very proud to be the student of BDEVs. The program is supplemented with theories and practices required to produce efficient human resources needed for the contemporary society. The generous guidance of my respected professors are helping me to explore my potentiality and skill.