

## MSc Environment & Development

### Pre-registration preparation & reading list

Welcome to the MSc Environment and Development Programme.



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It would really help your Step Up to Masters if you start to prepare for your course before you come to Leeds. Within your studies on this programme you will be expected to search for, critically analyse, and digest a range of materials - from academic texts to UN agency and NGO reports and media articles.

When you begin your modules at Leeds you will receive module handbooks with lists of suggested readings. Links to module reading lists are also usually available online through the module catalogue. Unfortunately until you are registered at University of Leeds many of these items will not be available to you. Therefore, the following pre arrival reading lists:

- 1) flags up some key texts which you may want to search for in local libraries or purchase,
- 2) lists the most relevant journals which you may want to sift through for free online material,
- 3) provides weblinks to online information from key institutions working in the Environment-Development field. It is recommend you look over these websites to familiarise yourselves with the current debates and areas of activity in the field.

In addition, weblinks have been provided to initiatives taking place within the University that may interest you.

In addition to pre-induction reading please take a good look at the information associated with the **Overseas Field Course to Tanzania** and consider whether you will enrol on that module. The course is very relevant to students on this programme and is an invaluable opportunity to gain first-hand experience conducting research in a rural African context. There is an additional fee for this course which you will need to consider/prepare for. You will find out more at the fieldtrip info session during induction week.

For admissions and entry queries please contact [apply-masters@see.leeds.ac.uk](mailto:apply-masters@see.leeds.ac.uk).

#### **Key texts (the first two worthy of purchase):**

- Adams, W.M. (2009) Green Development: Environment and Sustainability in a developing world. Third Edition. Routledge.
- Blewitt, J. (2015) Understanding Sustainable Development. Second Edition. Earthscan.

- Forsyth, T. (2003) Critical Political Ecology. The Politics of Environmental Science. Routledge.
- Desai, V. and Potter, R.B. (2008) The companion to development studies. Hodder Education.
- Kothari, U. and Minogue, M. (Eds.) (2002) Development theory and practice: critical perspectives. Palgrave.

**Relevant Journals (NB. sample issues, where they exist, will have freely accessible content):**

- [Global Environmental Change](#)
- [Environment, Development and Sustainability](#)
- [Journal of Environmental Management](#)
- [Ecology and Society](#)
- [Conservation and Society](#)
- Sustainability Science Practice and Policy [Open Access journal](#)

**Weblinks to relevant accessible information on Environment, Development and Sustainability**

- [International Institute for Sustainable Development](#)
- [The International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change \(IHDP\)](#)
- [International Institute for Environment and Development](#)
- [Overseas Development Institute](#)
- UK Government's Sustainable Development website <http://sd.defra.gov.uk/>

**Relevant work going on in Leeds**

[\*\*\*Climate Change Centre for Economics and Policy\*\*\*](#) – working to advance public and private action on climate change through rigorous, innovative research

[\*\*\*Centre for Global Development\*\*\*](#) – an interdisciplinary research and teaching centre. Established in 1984, the Centre draws on the expertise of more than sixty members from different schools and faculties at the University of Leeds in the field of international development.

[\*\*\*Leeds Centre for African Studies\*\*\*](#) – is an interdisciplinary centre that brings together scholars with an active interest in Africa from across different schools and faculties at the University of Leeds.

[\*\*\*Leeds Food hub\*\*\*](#) - The Leeds Food Hub has been established to address the pressing challenge of global food security. It consists of a trans-disciplinary grouping of researchers from across the University of Leeds, in areas from plant sciences, through

engineering and chemistry, to water resources management, nutrition and ecosystem services.

[Water@Leeds](#) - is one of the largest interdisciplinary centres for water research in any university in the world, encompassing expertise from across the physical, biological, chemical, social and economic sciences and engineering as well as the arts.

[Energy Leeds](#) - brings together engineering, environment and science researchers to address energy challenges of global demand, security, sustainability and environmental mitigation.

[Priestley International Centre for Climate](#) brings together world-leading expertise in all the key strands of climate change research. Climate change and its impact on society and ecosystems is a global challenge. The centre is providing international solutions to meet this challenge.

