



# COURSE DESCRIPTION

**Approval: 24<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting**

<b>Course Number</b>	: HS554P
<b>Course Name</b>	: Post Graduate Project
<b>Credits</b>	: 0-0-35-23
<b>Prerequisites</b>	: None
<b>Intended for</b>	: MA in Development Studies
<b>Distribution</b>	: Discipline Core for M.A. in Development Studies in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sem
<b>Semester</b>	: Even/Odd

## 1. Preamble:

During the 4<sup>th</sup> Semester of the MA programme in Development Studies, a student has to choose between two modes of PGP: either working on a research topic leading to a dissertation at IIT Mandi (Mode 1) or doing a guided internship with an appropriate agency and submitting appropriate reports based on the same (Mode 2). In the first case the student stays at IIT Mandi and completes the research project and in the other case the student attaches him/herself to an organization outside the Institute.

While a dissertation will be more appropriate for a student aiming to pursue an academic career, guided internship will be a more useful research component for students aiming to join inter-governmental/non-governmental organizations right after the M.A. programme and pursue their career as development practitioners.

## 2. Course Modules:

**Mode 1:** Each student is assigned to a faculty supervisor and carries out a short research project under the his/her supervision at IIT Mandi. Faculty will float the topics related to development challenges. A student interested in working on any particular topic may consult the faculty and the faculty may float the topic accordingly.

**Mode 2:** Each student has to come up with a proposal for guided internship with a suitable organization/institute. The internship will be performed at that organization/institute itself. The proposal has to include the name of the organization/institute, nature of work to be carried out, area of work and the duration of work. The duration of the internship has to be no less than 12 weeks and the student has to report back to IIT Mandi at least 2 weeks before the end of the semester. There has to be one faculty member from IIT Mandi who will supervise the internship jointly with the supervisor at the organization/institute where the internship is carried out.

## Evaluation:

In both modes evaluation will be done by the same examination committee along with the project supervisor at IIT Mandi to ensure consistency. In the case of guided internship, the faculty supervisor at IIT Mandi will be consulting with the organization/institute of internship. External experts can be invited, if required. Deliverables for both modes will be the same: mid-term report, open house presentation and final report.

## 3. Textbook

Will be suggested by the faculty mentor as per requirement of the student.



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**4. References:**

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**5. Similarity Content Declaration with Existing Courses: None**

**6. Justification for new course proposal if cumulative similarity content is > 30%: NA**