



# UP CSWCD Graduate Programs

College of Social Work and Community Development  
University of the Philippines  
Diliman, Quezon City



## Academic Programs:

Department of  
Social Work (DSW)

- Diploma in Social Work (DipSW)
- Master of Social Work (MSW)

Department of  
Community  
Development (DCD)

- Diploma in Community Development (DipCD)
- Master of Community Development (MCD)

Department of  
Women and  
Development  
Studies (DWDS)

- Diploma in Women and Development (DipWD)
- Master of Arts in Women and Development (MAWD)

Doctor of Social  
Development (DSD)  
Program

- Doctor of Social Development (DSD)

## CSWCD's Academic Programs

The College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD) traces its roots when Social Work became an academic sub-unit in the Department of Sociology and Social Welfare, at the UP College of Liberal Arts in 1950. In 1961, it became the Department of Social Work under the College of Liberal Arts. The passage of RA 5174 in 1967 established the Institute of Social Work and Community Development (ISWCD) as a separate academic unit in UP. It was reclassified as the College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD) in 1987. CSWCD's commitment to marginalized women and their communities gave birth to the graduate program in Women and Development Studies in 1989, which became the Department of Women and Development Studies (DWDS) in 2001. In 2009, the Doctor of Social Development (DSD) Program was instituted.

CSWCD has four academic units: The Department of Social Work (DSW), Department of Community Development (DCD), Department of Women and Development Studies (DWDS) and the Doctor of Social Development (DSD) Program. DSW and DCD offer both undergraduate and graduate programs, while DWDS and DSD only have graduate programs.

These programs are designed to develop students to become effective social development professionals who can assist people in transforming themselves into a citizenry with a strong sense of identity, community and national purpose. The programs provide knowledge and skills in development work, and strives to develop a pro-people and pro-poor orientation among the students. Field Instruction is an essential component of these programs.

## Admission Requirements

### Application Requirements for the Masters and Diploma Programs:

1. Bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized university
2. GWA of at least 2.0 ( or 1.75 for non-UP graduates for DCD courses)
3. Relevant experience in development work
4. Academic and NSO documents
5. Recommendations and Pictures

### Application Requirements for DSD:

1. Master's degree from a recognized university, with 1.75 GWA
2. Minimum of 2 years practice in social development
3. Research concept paper
4. Academic and NSO documents
5. Recommendations and pictures

*(Foreign students must pass TOEFL and submit required documents)*

Download application forms and program details from the SRO website:  
[pages.upd.edu.ph/srocsxcd](http://pages.upd.edu.ph/srocsxcd)



## Department of Social Work

The goal of the Social Work graduate program curriculum is to prepare students for leadership in social transformation and human development through policy advocacy and development of innovative practice models. This will enable students to hone their knowledge and skills in integrative social work practice that is responsive to changing global and national realities.

**Master of Social Work :** The program has three basic curricular areas—Core courses, Social policy advocacy, and Integrative social work models (*36 units for Plan A or 39 units for Plan B*)

**Diploma in Social Work:** The program seeks to respond to the demand for higher level competence in direct practice and supervision among practitioners (*27 units*)



## Department of Women and Development Studies

The Women and Development Program aims to provide a historical and comprehensive perspective to the study of gender and development, particularly in the context of the South and the Philippines

**Master of Arts in Women and Development (MAWD):** Advanced training for women and gender advocates, educators, development practitioners and other interested individuals to

enable them to situate their work in the context of feminist and development theories (*36 units for Plan A or 39 units for Plan B*)

**Diploma in Women and Development:** An intermediate program for individuals interested in women and gender studies as an academic discipline which relates theory to practice (*24 units*)



## Department of Community Development

The Community Development graduate programs are designed for advanced training of Community Development professionals who are equipped with knowledge, skills, attitudes and values necessary for competent leadership in the conceptualization, development and management of participatory, gender responsive and empowering Community Development practice.

**Master of CD:** Advanced Community Development training with three (3) areas of studies: Community Organizing, Community Development Planning, and Community Leadership and Organizational Development (39 units)

**Diploma in CD:** Intermediate program to reinforce professional training and experience (24 units)

## Doctor of Social Development Program

The DSD Program emphasizes theorizing from below as basis for the enrichment of teaching, scholarship, research and practice in social development. It transcends disciplinary boundaries by taking the family, community, organizations and the larger development issues as the fulcrum for programs and interventions that aim for total human development. The program covers three areas of studies: social development

practice, social development planning and administration, and social development studies. It is concerned with the analysis, reflection, formulation and implementation of participatory development responses that promote human rights, social justice, gender equality and empowerment.

(48 units for CSWCD graduates or 57 units for non-CSWCD graduates)



## **Plan A and Plan B for MSW, MCD and MAWD**

Two tracks are offered from which students can choose depending on their interest and needs: Plan A is the thesis track with no comprehensive examination; while Plan B is the Comprehensive Examination track without thesis.

## **Application Period**

***First semester***

May 1 to 30

***Second semester***

October 1 to 30

## **Academic Calendar**

***First semester:***

August to December

***Second semester:***

January to May

***Mid-year term:***

June to July

**Vision :**Justice, peace and sustainable well-being shared by the Filipino people and the global community

**Mission:** Academic excellence in the service of the nation and the global community through participatory, gender responsive, empowering and transformative development praxis.

**Core Values:** Motivated by love of country and nationalism, while at the same time impelled by a global consciousness, prioritizing justice, peace, equity, human rights, and sustainable well-being, CSWCD's development praxis is anchored on people's participation and empowerment, personal and social transformation, solidarity with marginalized groups, and gender responsiveness. Its pursuit of academic excellence rests on integration of theory and practice, and is infused with passionate scholarship, critical thinking, innovativeness and creativity. It strives for an interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning. Its developmental and professional ethics is based on inclusivity and collegiality, respect for diversity and difference, primacy of life and compassion for the oppressed and vulnerable.

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