AB Development Studies Graduates

The graduates of the AB Development Studies Program include:

- Isabel Eugenia A. Lopa (1988), Senior Research Associate, Makati Business Club
- Nayoka P. Martinez (1992), Program Officer, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- Jane R. Cui-Odulio (1993), Assistant Program Director, American Bar Association
- Raymond H. Batac, (1996), Commercial Attaché based in Geneva, Foreign Trade Service Corps, Department of Trade & Industry
- Cherbett Karen L. Maralit (1997), Head Executive Assistant, Deputy Head of the Legislative Department, Office of Senator Juan Ponce Enrile
- Mario L. Galvez, Jr. (1998), Deputy Executive Director, Kaisahan tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Kanayunan at Repormang Pansakahan
- Leah T. Carada-Rodriguez (1999), Vice-Consul, Philippine Consulate in San Francisco
- Val Simon T. Roque (1999), Vice Consul, Philippine Consulate in Hong Kong
- Sherry C. Tesch (1999), Information, Education & Communications Coordinator, Coastal Conservation & Education Foundation
- Patricia Eugenia C. Artadi-Facultad (2000), Donor Relations, United Nations World Food Programme
- Judie Ann T. Gabriel (2002), Program Assistant, Planning and Coordination, JICA
- Clare Cattleya DG. Amador (2003), Assistant Secretary & Chief of Staff of the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management
- Fernando C. Esguerra, Jr. (2003), Public Relations Specialist for Community Relations, Globe Telecom
- Emmanuel Joseph B. Solis II (2003), Program Officer, Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- Philip Francisco U. Dy (2006), Head Executive Assistant to the Department of Interior & Local Government Secretary
- Maria Victoria F. Punay (2007), Program Officer for Culture, UNESCO-Philippines

Our graduates have also received graduate degrees from other prestigious Universities such as Harvard University, Cornell University, Manchester University, the University of New South Wales, the National University of Singapore and the Asian Institute of Management.
The Bachelor of Arts degree, major in Development Studies is ideal for individuals who want to make effective contributions to improve Philippine society through international development organizations, law, politics, foreign service, government, non-government organizations, corporate foundations, and business. This degree program has been offered by the Development Studies Program since 1986.

Development Studies is a distinct field of multidisciplinary study, research and policy analysis directed at understanding the processes and imperatives of national, regional, community and global transformation. The degree program combines key insights from Economics, Political Science, Sociology and Management in order to develop, manage and evaluate approaches for institutionalizing sustainable improvements in people’s quality of life. While providing a broad multidisciplinary base, the program also requires students to specialize in one of the following fields: Development Management, Development Communications, Economics, Cultural Heritage, Environment and Development, Gender Studies, Health and Development, History, International Relations, Political Science, Public Management, Social Entrepreneurship or Sociology.

The AB Development Studies Program provides an excellent blend of theoretical and applied training. Development Studies students are trained to appreciate diverse perspectives, undertake development research, analyze development policies and manage development interventions. The program provides excellent preparation for careers in multilateral and bilateral development organizations, law and politics, Foreign Service, corporate foundations and non-government organizations, development communications and development research, and the executive and legislative branches of government. Students may also use their field of specialization as a springboard for graduate and professional studies.

Course Requirements

Aside from the courses included in the Ateneo’s core curriculum, the program requires the following subjects:

- DS 101 Perspectives in Development I (Economics and Sociology of Development)
- DS 102 Perspectives in Development II (Politics and Development)
- DS 112 Survey of Social Development Approaches
- DS 120 Research Methods
- DS 122 Statistics for Social Sciences
- DS 130 Community Development & Social Change
- DS 132 Project Management
- DS 140 Practicum in Social Development
- DS 150 Field Specialization

Furthermore, students will have up to eight electives and must use these electives to specialize in one or two of the following fields:

Fields with Minors

- Cultural Heritage, Development Management, Economics, European Studies, Global Politics, History, Japanese Studies, Philosophy, Public Management, Sociology

Fields without Minors

- Anthropology, Asian Studies, Communications, Environment and Society, Foreign Policy, Gender Studies, Political Economy, Political Science, Psychology, Public Administration

The Faculty

Full-time faculty members include:

- Leland Joseph R. Dela Cruz, Ph.D. cand., Sociology (University of the Philippines, Diliman)
  Program Director; Assistant Professor,
  Development Studies Program

- Jayeel S. Cornelio, Ph.D. Sociology (National University of Singapore)
  Lecturer, Department of Sociology & Anthropology &
  Department of Political Science

- Benjamin T. Tolosa, Jr., Ph.D. Political Science (Minnesota)
  Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Lecturer, Department of Economics

- Victor S. Venida, Ph.D. Economics (New York University)
  Professor, Department of Economics and Lecturer, European Studies Program

Regular part-time faculty members include:

- Raul Socrates C. Banzuela, A.B. Social Sciences (Ateneo de Manila University)
  National Coordinator, Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA)

- Rosette Gilda C. Librea, Ph.D. Public Administration (University of the Philippines UP-NCPAG)
  Project Consultant, Ombudsman’s Office

- Mariel Vincent A. Rapisura, Masters in Social Entrepreneurship (Asian Institute of Management)
  President, Social Enterprise Development Partnerships, Inc.

- Ma. Christine F. Reyes, Masters in Development Management (Asian Institute of Management)

- Edwin M. Salonga, Masters in Public Administration (University of the Philippines)
  CEO, Social Enterprise Development Partnerships, Inc.

- Jonas George Soriano, Masters in Social Entrepreneurship (Asian Institute of Management)
  Chair, Klowil Agricultural Enterprise Multipurpose Cooperative