

Bachelor's Programme in Development Studies

## Majors in BIDS

As a BIDS student, you have the possibility to specialize in one of the following four disciplines:

- Economic History
- Human Geography
- Political Science
- Sociology

You will choose your major during the second semester (between mid-March and mid-April). Since the selection of courses may vary from one year to another, students will be invited to a meeting with representatives from the different departments when it is time to choose the major.

Note! BIDS major courses are not our regular program courses (the UTVC courses). They are courses offered by different departments that are later included in your diploma - as your specialization courses.

### FAQ

*How does the choice of specialization/major affect my degree?*

After completion of the Bachelor's Program in Development Studies, students get a Bachelor's Degree in Development Studies with a major in Economic History/Human Geography/Sociology/Political Science (depending on one's choice) i.e. if you choose to study Human Geography as your major, you will graduate with a BSc in Development Studies with a major in Human Geography.

Your major decides which department you will write your Bachelor thesis at and also tells your future employers where your main interest lies.

Furthermore, for Master's or Ph.D. studies, you are often required to have previous relevant studies and as development studies is interdisciplinary, your choice of major can be a way to fulfill that requirement.

*Can I choose any course from the four departments?*

The different departments have different rules regarding BIDS major courses.

If you choose to major in Economic History, Human Geography, or Sociology you can apply to most of the courses offered by the respective departments.

If you choose to major in Political Science, you **MUST** take the courses STVC02 and STVC05 during the autumn semester of year 2.

### **Major in Economic History:**

A list of courses available at the Department of Economic History can be found here: <https://www.lusem.lu.se/economic-history/study/courses>

Please note that all courses might not be available for BIDS students.

For questions, please contact [studievagledare@ekh.lu.se](mailto:studievagledare@ekh.lu.se)

### **Major in Human Geography:**

A list of courses available at the Department of Human Geography can be found here: <https://www.keg.lu.se/en/education/academics/freestanding-courses>

Please note that all courses might not be available for BIDS students.

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### **Major in Sociology:**

The course available when majoring in Sociology is:

[SOCA26](#): Sociology: Sociology of Global Development and Sustainability.

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### **Major in Political Science:**

The courses available when majoring in Political Science are:

[STVC02](#): The Politics of Development, 15 credits

[STVC05](#): International Political Economy and Development, 15 credits

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