

## **MASTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**

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**Academic Institution:** Khon Kaen University, Graduate School

**Duration:** One (1) academic year (14 months). Preparation courses will be in April-May 2014

**Eligible Countries:**

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Djibouti, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Maldives, Marshalls Islands, Micronesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Island, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Uganda and Vanuatu.

**Objectives:**

The Master's program in Rural Development Management intends to produce post-graduates who are qualified as follows:

1. Being able to understand principles and theories of rural development as a multi-disciplinary science, and able to apply the principles and theories of rural development management by inculcating knowledge and experience from former careers.
2. Skilled in management, development plan establishment, development project settlement, as well as skilled in conducting and analyzing research on the physical circumstances, society, economy, culture, technology and environment of an individual locality.
3. Have good attitudes towards rural development management and have a sense of initiative about self-development, as well as well-defined social skills in the areas of human interaction and leadership.

**Course Synopsis & Methodology:**

The course comprises 36 credits hours, including 21 credits of required courses (Rural Development Theories; Politics and Economics of Rural Development; Evidence-based Rural Development Practices; Research and Statistics; Project Management; Seminar; and Field Study), and elective course credits. Students will also be required to complete a comprehensive examination and an independent study.

A **comprehensive examination** is a written and/or oral examination, aims to assess the student's comprehensive knowledge and understanding in theories of rural development and the ability to effectively apply such knowledge in rural development at different situations.

**Course Content/Study Topic:**

This program is one year full-time program, divided into three semesters, 12-15 weeks per each semester. The program plan study can be as follows:

**First Semester: June – September (13 credits)**

No.	Course Title	Number of Credits
1.	Rural Development Theories	3
2.	Evidence-based Rural Development Practice	3
3.	Applied Statistics for Rural Development	3
4.	Research Methodology for Rural Development	3
5.	Field Study Experience	1