

## Department of Development Studies

### Message from the Head:

I am an Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Development Studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Daffodil International University (DIU) in Bangladesh. My research focuses on e-learning, e-governance, increasing e-service accessibility, and SMART Bangladesh. In addition, I explore migration governance and climate change's consequences for long-term sustainability. My research accolades include fourteen articles indexed in Scopus, eight peer-reviewed non-Scopus publications, a book chapter, and three conference papers. I have supervised over 45 Master's theses at DIU and worked on four projects as a Core Team Member and CO-LEAD RESEARCHER.



Moreover, I am an editorial board member for the Journal of Development and Governance and the Sankalp Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies (SJMS). I work as a reviewer for various local and international peer-reviewed journals, such as the Journal of Applied Research in Higher Education (Emerald), International Journal of Community Well-Being (Springer), the International Journal of Educational Research Open (Elsevier), Heliyon (Elsevier), Computers in Human Behavior Reports (Elsevier), Cogent Social Sciences (Taylor & Francis), International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction (Taylor & Francis), Journal of Sustainability Science and Management, BMC Medical Education, Qeios, International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning (iJET), and DIU Journal of Humanities and Social Science in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

I have actively engaged in multiple conferences and workshops to enhance my pedagogical approach to teaching and learning. Additionally, I have successfully organised and facilitated over 50 seminars, workshops, and training sessions focused on utilising various e-learning tools and add-ons in higher education. These tools include Google Classroom, Padlet, Kahoot, Coggle, H5P, LMS, Quizzes, Blandspece, Slido, and Flipgrid. I have conducted these sessions in both face-to-face and online settings.

I was honoured with several prestigious awards for my teaching achievements during my professional career. In 2020, I received the 'Teaching Practices Excellence Award "Chairman's Award"'. In 2017, I received the 'Blended Learning Leadership' Award. In 2016, I received the Vice Chancellor's Award, and in 2014, I was honoured with the Learning Management System (LMS) Leadership Award from Daffodil International University, Bangladesh.

**About the Department:** The world is currently undergoing a very perilous period and attempting to meet the multidimensional challenges of development. Considering these matters, the Department of Development Studies was established in 2016 at DIU as a center of excellence in providing knowledge and skills that are required for development policies and practices and contemporary cutting-edge research. To address the demands of both domestic and international students, we now exclusively offer master's programs such as MDS. The Department of Development Studies employs highly qualified teachers, industry experts, and researchers from both within and outside the country, with the goal of producing competitive graduates while also excelling in an innovative and collaborative learning environment, encouraging students to explore new horizons and embrace advancements in development practices. To meet industry expectations, we offer hands-on training in research, governance, public policy, and project management to provide learners with the entire knowledge needed for their future development in the field of development studies.

1. **Services & Facilities:** Services and Facilities of the Department of English of DIU are given below:

**To Students:**

- Providing information regarding waiver and informing results among students
- Guiding, counseling, and providing information to dropout students regarding Re-Admission and Time Extension of Study
- Providing instant support for taking approval and to complete the process
- Providing information regarding Campus Transfer, Department Change, Semester Drop, Course Add/drop, Admission Cancel and Late registration process.
- Preparing and issuing documents for graduate/postgraduate students: Recommendation/ Migration/ Medium of Instruction / Concern Letter / Testimonial / Character Certificate etc. It takes a minimum of three working days to hand over the document to the applicant.
- Attesting and verifying certificates, transcripts, and other documents and sealing those for sending abroad if required.
- Providing necessary administrative support instantly to perform academic activities smoothly.
- Coordinating club activities.
- Offering general counseling that covers all academic, curricular, and extracurricular activities.
- Organizing the orientation for newly admitted students each semester.
- Organizing farewell programs for final semester students.
- Working with students and faculty members to plan various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- Promoting student participation in social, cultural, and recreational activities.
- Planning and arranging social, cultural, and recreational activities of various student groups according to university policies and regulations.
- Arranging workshops, seminars, and outcome-based programs for the students. When necessary, the department brings national and international experts as facilitators.

- Working on student occurrence issues and conflict management.
- Organizing joint programs with reputed organizations like The Daily Star, The EMK Center, The American Embassy, British Council, etc.

#### For Guardians and others:

- Rapid response to guardians to their queries. Guiding them to solve any issue. Taking immediate initiative for the highest service satisfaction.
- Regular communication with guardians through telephone, mobile phone, and e-mail.
- The department provides counseling to guardians on issues like drug addiction, psychological problems, poor results, and irregularity of the students.
- Support and Coordinate among departments, associations, and clubs.

#### General Office Function:

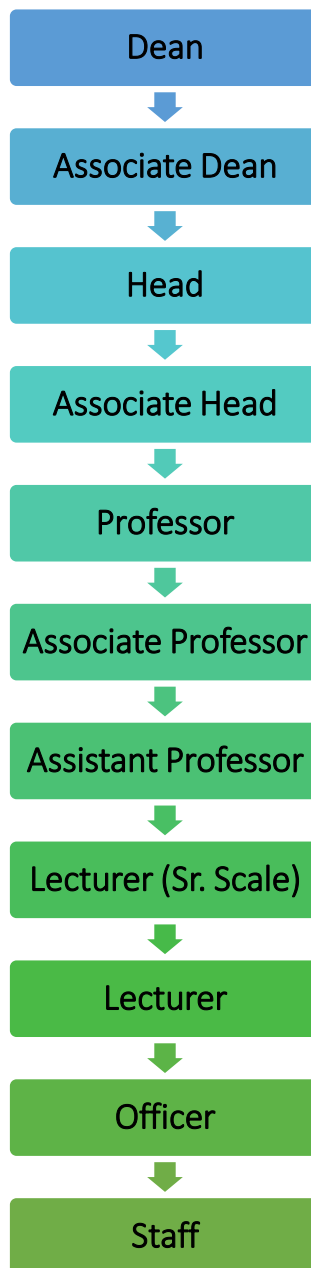
- Providing general administrative support for all the Departments/Sections to solve their issues within the shortest possible time.
- Prepare, receive and dispatch Official documents regularly on first priority to run official activity smoothly.

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**Faculty Hierarchy:**



**Recent Workshops, Programs and Seminars:**

**1. Webinar on ‘Higher Education in Canada: Prospects, Challenges, and Opportunities’:**

Department of Development Studies organized a 7. Webinar on ‘Higher Education in Canada: Prospects, Challenges, and Opportunities on 26 January, 2024.

**2. Best Department Research Award 2024:**

the Department of Development Studies at Daffodil International University has received the prestigious "Best Department Research Award 2024" for their high-quality journal publications. The department has published 61 high-quality publications (scope-indexed), with an average Cite Score of 8.6 in 2023.



**3. Opening ceremony of Daffodil International University Research and Higher Study Society:**

Daffodil International University Research and Higher Study Society-DIURHS is established to cultivate a vibrant research and academic culture. The aim is to increase student participation, high-quality research publications, innovative problem-solving, and establishing DIU as a research leader.



**4. Debate Competition on International Language Day:**

The Department of Development Studies organized debate Competition on International Language Day.



### Faculty Achievements.

- Mr. Md. Salman Sohel, a Lecturer in the Department of Development Studies at DIU, has been awarded the "Bangamata Commemorative Young Researchers' Fellowship-2024" by the Centre for Gender and Development Studies at the University of Dhaka.



- In the Spring – 24 semesters, from this department total published paper number is 60

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