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	Semester 1 Units	CP	Semester 2 Units	CP
Year 1 – 2027	**TLC501** Communication Skills for Postgraduate Study* **ELECTIVE**	3	**GOV604** Corruption and Anti-corruption **REQUIRED**	6
	DEV511 Critical Approaches to Development **REQUIRED**	6	**SUS512** Sustainability, Ecology and Communities **REQUIRED**	3
	SUS523 Cities and Sustainability **REQUIRED**	3	Specified Elective	3
	Total	**12**	**Total**	**12**
Year 2 - 2028	**Semester 1 Units**	**CP**	**Semester 2 Units**	**CP**
	GOV635 Security, Conflict and Violence **REQUIRED**	6	**SUS628** Development and Sustainability **REQUIRED**	3
	DEV600 Doing Research for Development **REQUIRED**	3	9 points of Specified Electives	9
	Specified Elective	3		
	Total	**12**	**Total**	**12**

TOTAL CREDIT POINTS 48

Course Notes
***TLC501:** This unit aims to improve students' postgraduate study skills. It is particularly relevant for students who haven't previously studied at an Australian university. If you don't want to take this unit, please contact your Academic Chair, Mr Allan Johnstone to discuss alternatives.
Specified Elective Units: Please see the Handbook for the list of Specified Electives in the Master of Development Studies. Prior to each semester, your Academic Chair will send you an email with information and recommendations regarding Specified Electives to choose from.
Dissertation Option: Students with a Distinction average have the option of replacing 12 points of Specified Electives with a 12-point ART610 Masters by Coursework Research Dissertation. Please contact your Academic Chair early in your studies if you would like to discuss this option.

Please note: This course plan is a sample only and must be read in conjunction with the full course structure, unit prerequisites and enrolment options as outlined in the Handbook.