IIT Mandi
Proposal for a New Course
Course Number   : HS551P and HS552P
Course Name   : Development Studies Practicum 1 and Development Studies Practicum 2

Credits   : 0-0-8-4 (L-T-P-C)
Prerequisites   : None
Intended for   : MA in Development Studies
Distribution   : Discipline Core for M.A. in Development Studies
Semester   : Even/Odd

1. Preamble:

M.A. in Development Studies aims to create a pool of development practitioners and/or academics, who will be well equipped to participate in the process of informed decision making with regard to sustainable development. The relevance of such decision making will be local, regional and global. This requires skills to deliberate upon development challenges and their nuances, research, writing and communication. These are two similar 4-credit courses, under which groups of 3-4 students will have the opportunity to work under the supervision of one/two faculty members from different Schools to address an existing development challenge from a multidisciplinary perspective. This will be similar to a guided mini project and will be particularly helpful both in terms of understanding and dealing with several dimensions of a problem and team work at the same time.

2. Course Modules:

Faculty members will float the topics related to development challenges. A student/group of students interested in working on any particular topic may consult the faculty and the faculty can float the topic accordingly.

The group of students will work on the topic. The work can be theoretical, archival or empirical.

Evaluation will be based on
1. A mid-term presentation on the progress of work
2. Open-house presentation at the end of the semester
3. Submission of a final report.

3. Textbook
Will be suggested by the faculty mentor as per requirement of each group.

4. References:
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5. Similarity Content Declaration with Existing Courses: None

6. Justification for new course proposal if cumulative similarity content is > 30%: NA