



**Miriam T. O'Brien-Development
Studies Center**

Welcome to Miriam T. O'Brien- Development Studies Center (MTOB-DSC)

An Overview of Our Campus and Community

2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**Gbarnga, Bong County
Liberia**





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Welcome to the Miriam T. O'Brien Development Studies Center (MTOB-DSC), an esteemed institution founded in 2024 and dedicated to advancing knowledge and leadership in development studies. Nestled in the tranquil surroundings of Gbarnga City, our serene campus spans acres of lush, open land—providing an ideal setting for deep study, reflection, and academic growth. At MTOB-DSC, we foster a welcoming, inclusive community that embraces students from diverse backgrounds and cultures, united by a shared commitment to positive social change. Our center is built on principles of academic excellence, community engagement, and innovation, equipping students with the skills and insights needed to lead in development and beyond. Join us at MTOB-DSC, where tradition meets forward-thinking education, and together, we shape a brighter future.



MTOB-DSC'S Mission and Vision

Vision: The overarching goal or vision of DEN-L is to see a Liberia at peace with itself and its neighbors. The MTOB-DSC envisages an environment with useful and excellent training opportunities that are responsive to the needs of our participants and prepare them to overcome personal, institutional, and societal challenges to foster growth at all levels.

Mission: MTOB-DSC is committed to providing its participants with quality and useful skills and educational experiences that support the successful completion of degrees, diplomas, and certificates in relevant programs based on participants' needs. The Center fosters academic and career success through a real-life development learning approach and critical thinking and analysis. The Center promotes equity (regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, political, or religious affiliation), meritocracy, honesty, and accountability through measurable learning outcomes.

Campus Facilities

The campus is designed to offer students a comprehensive and enriching environment that fosters academic pursuits, personal growth, and overall well-being. Key facilities include a variety of study spaces, and recreational areas, all aimed at supporting a balanced lifestyle. Our campus creates an atmosphere conducive to learning while providing a serene environment for relaxation. Additionally, it is conveniently located in close proximity to the city center of Gbarnga, allowing students easy access to urban amenities.

CAFETERIA

CREAKS/ GARDENS

THEATRES

LAB/LIBRARY



Academic Programs

The Development Center offers a robust curriculum designed to equip students with the foundational knowledge and practical skills necessary for entry-level positions in development work. Our academic programs include an Associate Degree in Development Studies (2 years) and a Diploma in Development Studies (9 months to 1 year), focusing on areas such as Development and Organizational Development, Gender and Youth Development, Conflict Resolution, Community Theatre, Community Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation. Additionally, we provide Certificate Courses (3-6 months) that allow students to gain specialized skills in various aspects of development work, including agriculture, enhancing their qualifications for diverse roles in the sector.

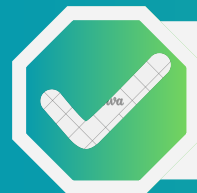


- ✓ **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (2 YEARS)**
- ✓ **DIPLOMA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (9 MONTHS TO 1 YEAR)**
- ✓ **CERTIFICATE COURSES (3-6 MONTHS):**
- ✓ **OTHER SHORT TERM TRAINING/WORKSHOPS**



Student Life

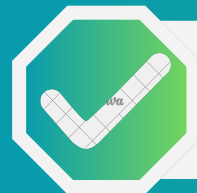
Student life at the Miriam T. O'Bryant Development Center is vibrant and dynamic, offering a range of opportunities for personal and social development. The center provides various activities and organizations that cater to diverse interests, ensuring that all students can engage meaningfully with their peers and the community. Key elements of student life include: a supportive and engaging environment, empowering students to grow personally and academically while making a positive impact in their communities.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



INTERNSHIPS AND TRAININGS



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



SUPPORT NETWORKS



Career Services

MTOB-DSC provides comprehensive career services to support students in their professional development and job search. These services are designed to prepare students for successful careers. Key features include:

CAREER COUNSELING

Personalized guidance to help students identify career goals and create action plans.

JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

Support in finding internships and job opportunities relevant to students' fields of study.

Community Engagement

MTOB-DSC emphasizes community engagement by encouraging students to participate in activities that benefit local and global communities. Various volunteer opportunities are available for students to contribute their time and skills, along with service learning courses that combine community service with academic studies.

Partnerships with local organizations further support community development and outreach initiatives. The center promotes civic engagement, encouraging students to be active participants in civic life, which fosters social responsibility and leadership skills among students.



Conclusion

In conclusion, MTOB-DSC offers a vibrant and supportive environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and community engagement. With diverse academic programs, extensive resources, and dedicated services, students are well-equipped to succeed in their educational and career pursuits. The commitment to research, international opportunities, and student life ensures a holistic experience that prepares students to become responsible global citizens.





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