

Economic and International Development

Economic and international development planners work to increase employment opportunities, relieve poverty, build international economic competitiveness, promote human development, and facilitate sustainable growth. Relevant to communities of all types, from the small village to a large region in domestic and international settings, this specialization trains students in concepts, tools, and techniques of planning to improve local economies. A distinctive feature of our program is that the principles of economic development in global markets are understood to apply in both domestic and international settings. Topics include technology-based development, tourism and recreation-based development, gender and development and environmentally sustainable development. Students interested in international development are encouraged to take an international planning studio, if offered.

Curriculum (4 courses are required to complete the specialization)

Intro Courses (two required)

- PD 522 Economic Development and Industrial Change, and
- Either PD 575 Development Planning in Practice **OR** PD 576 Comparative International Development (The one not taken as an intro course can count as an elective course for the specialization)

Methods Course (required)

PD 513 Quantitative Methods for Planning

Elective Courses (minimum one)

- PD 402 Real Estate Development [with permission of instructor, taken for graduate credit under PD 599, with course work added by instructor to bring course up to graduate level.]
- PD 525 Financing Urban Development
- PD 526 Strategic Planning and Implementation
- PD 559 Tourism and Recreation Planning and Policy
- PD 562 Transportation Planning
- PD 574 Projects in Physical Planning
- PD 592 Planning for Food Justice
- A course may be taken outside the department, as in Economics, Geography, Global Gender Studies, Education, Management, Political Science, and Sociology. To count for the specialization, the course must be approved by the Specialization Director.

Culminating Exercise (choose one)

- Thesis on Economic and International Development
- Professional Project on Economic and International Development

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