

Global Development Policy (GDP)

"I have come to know all the students in my program as well as many others in similar programs. Perhaps what I have enjoyed most is taking the same courses with the same people throughout the length of the program. This has really enabled us to bond over group projects, share our concerns and hopes, and learn from and contribute to one another's growth and progress."

- Bethany Bell, GDP 2016



The need to improve living standards, health, and quality of life for people throughout the developing world in an environmentally sound manner is a top priority for the global community. The three-semester GDP MA prepares students for development policy careers in government, nonprofit institutions, international organizations, and the private sector.

The multidisciplinary core curriculum trains students in the environmental, economic, public health, and governance aspects of international development. Students select a specialty track within the development field, giving them the opportunity to develop focused knowledge of the issues that they are most passionate about.

The MA in Global Development Policy requires a total of 48 credits divided among core development policy courses (16 credits), a final capstone course (4 credits), track coursework (minimum of 20 credits), and sufficient elective coursework to bring the student's credit total to at least 48 (typically 8 credits). Students also demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language.

Required Core Courses

- Environment & Development: A Political Ecology Approach
- Fundamentals of International Relations
- Global Economic & Development Policy
- Poverty, Health, & Development
- Global Development Capstone

Global Development Tracks

- Governance & Political Economy
- Environment & Development
- International Public Health

