

Graduate Specialization in International Development

The graduate specialization in international development is available as an elective for students who are enrolled in master's and doctoral degree programs at Michigan State University. The specialization, administered by the College of Social Science, is designed to:

- Provide an opportunity for graduate students to obtain a comprehensive and contemporary academic experience in the field of international development studies.
- Sensitize graduate students with an interest in development studies to their professional obligations and responsibilities.
- Develop an intellectual environment that will foster the growth of research and teaching in the area of development studies.



Core Courses

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| CSUS 826 | International Development (main core course) |
| CSUS 848 | Community-based International Natural Resource Management |
| AFRE 817 | Political Economy of Agricultural and Trade Policy |
| AFRE 861 | Agriculture in Economic Development |
| ANP 431 | Gender, Environment, and Development |
| ANP 836 | Culture, Resources, and Power |
| EAD 813 | Education, Development, and Social Change |
| EC 410 | Issues in the Economics of Developing Countries |
| EC 840 | International Trade: Theory and Commercial Policy |
| GEO 454 | Spatial Aspects of Regional Development |
| PLS 854 | Comparative Political Institutions |
| SOC 832 | International Inequality and Development |
| SOC 931 | Topics of Structural Inequality |
| TE 923 | Comparative Perspectives on Teaching, Curriculum, and Teacher Education |
| WS 403 | Women and Change in Developing Countries (also online in the summer) |

Master's of Arts or Master's of Science Program (4713)

1. Two of the above-listed core courses (strongly recommended: CSUS/FOR/PLS/SOC 826) for 6 credits.
2. Two additional courses with substantial international development content for 6 credits. Courses not on core list require approval via submission of course syllabus and, in some cases, a final paper.
3. At least half of the total GSID courses must come from outside of the student's major.
4. Maximum of one 400-level course may be counted.

12 Total Course Credit Hours

Doctoral Program (4714)

1. Two of the above-listed core courses (strongly recommended: CSUS/FOR/PLS/SOC 826) for 6 credits.
2. Four additional courses (3 credits each) with international development content for a total of 12 credits. Courses not on core list require approval via submission of course syllabus and, in some cases, a final paper.
3. Incorporate issues of international development relevant to student's program of study in the departmental comprehensive exam.
4. Maximum of one 400-level course may be counted.

18 Total Course Credit Hours

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About CASID

The Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) at Michigan State University is a multidisciplinary unit in the College of Social Science organized in cooperation with the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs. CASID works with academic units to ensure continued availability and quality of curriculum offerings and programs for both undergraduate and graduate students interested in international development, including providing support for the global studies in social science minor for undergraduates and the specialization in international development for students pursuing master's or doctoral degrees.



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