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About GenCen

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) is an interdisciplinary center in International Studies and Programs focused on gender, sexuality, feminist theory, and women’s studies. Its affiliated faculty and students study how people from diverse racial, ethnic, national, and sexual backgrounds live in and engage with the world and how processes of global change affect gender relations locally, nationally, and internationally. Please visit gencen.msu.edu for more information about our office and programs.

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Administered By:
College of Social Science
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Choosing GSID

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;
- Sensitize graduate students with an interest in development studies to their professional obligations and responsibilities; and
- Develop an intellectual environment that will foster the growth of research and teaching in the area of development studies.
- Examine continuity and change around the globe by considering political ecology, migration, education, social and cultural norms, policy, geography, gender, and globalization.

Program Requirements

Master’s of Arts or Master’s of Science (4713)

- Two of the core courses for 6 credits
  *Recommended: CSUS/ANP/FOR/PLS/SOC 826
- Two additional courses with substantial international development content for 6 credits
  *Courses not on core list require advisor approval
- At least half of the total GSID courses must come from outside of the student’s major
- Maximum of one 400-level course

12 Total Course Credit Hours

Doctoral Program (4714)

- Two of the core courses for 6 credits
  *Recommended: CSUS/ANP/FOR/PLS/SOC 826
- Four additional courses with substantial international development content for 12 credits
  *Courses not on core list require advisor approval
- Incorporate issues of international development relevant to student’s program of study in the departmental comprehensive exam
- Maximum of one 400-level course

18 Total Course Credit Hours

Student Financial Support

GenCen provides travel funding support for gender-focused conference presentations and research/data collection. For more information about this and other funding opportunities, please visit gencen.msu.edu/graduate-students/funding.