

WHAT'S THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN...

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



This concentration focuses on understanding the various barriers that groups and societies face in achieving or maintaining well-being. In addition, it assesses the effectiveness of development approaches that aim to provide solutions. Key concerns are reducing poverty and inequality while enhancing sustainability and equity. The assessment of governments' capabilities, people's political, economic, and social opportunities, community resilience, and humanitarian needs are other dimensions of international development.

CONTEMPORARY CULTURES & SOCIETIES



This concentration focuses on understanding the root causes of conflicts and how they escalate between nations and peoples, and considers local, national, regional, and international methods for resolving such conflicts. These methods include prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping, and peacebuilding initiatives.

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International Development differs from Contemporary Cultures and Societies in that it examines both people's lived experiences and the institutions and policies that shape their lives while focusing more on policy and program solutions devised by governments and international organizations, as well as communities themselves.



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