

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONCENTRATION



## DESCRIPTION

The International Development 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.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Be familiar with the historical origins and theoretical assumptions that influence contemporary international development theory and practice
- Understand key concepts, tools, and models for assessing and comparing various types of development across nations
- Be able to critically evaluate development policies and programs and the roles of relevant international and domestic actors
- Be able to propose improvements to existing institutions, policies, and practices to enhance people's well-being

## REQUIREMENTS

Anchor Courses:

- ECON 2151 Economic Development
- IAFF 3501 International Development Theory, Policy, and Practice or ANTH 3501 Anthropology of Development

And three supporting courses listed under this concentration in the Bulletin.

### Resources:

- <https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/international-development/>
- [elliott.gwu.edu/undergraduate-academic-advising](http://elliott.gwu.edu/undergraduate-academic-advising)
- <https://careerservices.gwu.edu/career-option-sheets>
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