DEVP 200A The Capstone Experience 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023
The MDP Capstone Experience aims to guide students to successfully complete their capstone (final project or master’s thesis) milestone from the Master of Development Practice (MDP) program. The course aims to help students create an outstanding final project or master’s thesis, and to provide an appropriate scaffolding. Students will reflect on their pedagogical and professional journey during the MDP program. One can expect to acquire research-related skills, such as writing a proposal, designing a research project, and writing a literature review, and gain proficiency in the use of Internet-based search engines, data collection, and electronic journals, etc as well as produce stellar presentations.

Prerequisites: Only second year MDP students can register for the course.

Grading: Letter grade. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series.

Instructor: Reddy

DEVP 200B The Capstone Experience 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024
The MDP Capstone Experience aims to guide students to successfully complete their capstone (final project or master’s thesis) milestone from the Master of Development Practice (MDP) program. The course aims to help students create an outstanding final project or master’s thesis, and to provide an appropriate scaffolding. Students will reflect on their pedagogical and professional journey during the MDP program. One can expect to acquire research-related skills, such as writing a proposal, designing a research project, and writing a literature review, and gain proficiency in the use of Internet-based search engines, data collection, and electronic journals, etc as well as produce stellar presentations.

Prerequisites: Only second year MDP students can register for the course.

Grading: Letter grade. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series.

Instructor: Reddy

DEVP 209 Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Development 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023
This course is designed for students who have had calculus but may not have used it in some time. This prepares them for the required Quantitative Methods and Impact Evaluation course, which presumes an understanding of all the concepts below, including regression analysis. Because 90% or more of empirical research and policy analyses involve some type of regression analysis, teaching the mechanics of ordinary least squares and how to understand and interpret regression analyses will be a component of learning objectives, and at the end of the course, students will understand regression analysis.

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Reddy
DEVP 221 Climate, Energy and Development
3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
Graduate seminar examining the role of energy science, technology, and policy in international development. The course will look at how changes in the theory and practice of energy systems and of international development have co-evolved over the past half-century, and what opportunities exist going forward. A focus will be on rural and decentralized energy use, and the issues of technology, culture, and politics that are raised by both current trajectories, and potential alternative energy choices. We will explore the frequently divergent ideas about energy and development that have emerged from civil society, academia, multinational development agencies, and the private and industrial sector.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Roland-Holst

Climate, Energy and Development: Read More [+]

DEVP C221 Climate, Energy and Development
3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Graduate seminar examining the role of energy science, technology, and policy in international development. The course will look at how changes in the theory and practice of energy systems and of international development have co-evolved over the past half-century, and what opportunities exist going forward. A focus will be on rural and decentralized energy use, and the issues of technology, culture, and politics that are raised by both current trajectories, and potential alternative energy choices. We will explore the frequently divergent ideas about energy and development that have emerged from civil society, academia, multinational development agencies, and the private and industrial sector.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Kammen

Also listed as: ENE,RES C221/PUB POL C221
Climate, Energy and Development: Read Less [-]
DEVP 222 Economics of Sustainable Resource Development 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
This course will introduce the basic concepts including economic welfare, externality, public good, global commons, policy approaches for dealing with externality, and techniques for quality analysis. It will include case studies where groups will design economic incentives and policy solutions to major problems. It will have sections on particular problems including climate change, water and air quality, animal waste, toxic contamination, forestry and fishery policy.
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor

DEVP 227 Principles of Natural Resource Management 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
This course will introduce concepts in natural resource management. Segment 1 will cover basic modeling, techniques, and methodology in natural resource management and sustainability. Segment 2 will address genetic resources and agriculture. Segment 3 will cover principles of natural resource management, namely water and air, in the development context. Segment 4 profiles an overview of major concepts in the conservation of biodiversity. Students are expected to present research reports based on case studies.
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor

DEVP 228 Strategic Planning and Project Management 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022
A pragmatic, interdisciplinary introduction to strategic planning and project management, introducing students to a portfolio of models, tools, and techniques drawn from the private, nonprofit, and public sectors. It will offer an opportunity through case studies, simulations and class projects to apply those approaches in settings relevant to the development field.

DEVP 228A Project Management 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2024
The primary objective of the Project Management course is to develop critical skills and the knowledge needed to successfully define, plan, implement and lead projects. Emphasis on this course is positioned on Project Planning. The course may be particularly useful to students who attend experiential learning programs, such as MDP, where teams of students may need to define and plan projects along their semester or the year. Course content includes lecture notes on Project Management theory and tools, Business Cases and Project Management software and a Simulation on Project Execution.
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor

Rationale:
This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of sustainable resource development, natural resource management, strategic planning, and project management. It aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address complex environmental and development challenges. The course content is structured to cover both theoretical foundations and practical applications, ensuring students are well-prepared for careers in sustainable resource management and development.

DEVP 222 Economics of Sustainable Resource Development 3 Units
This course focuses on the economic aspects of sustainable resource development. It introduces students to key concepts such as economic welfare, externality, public goods, and global commons. Through case studies, students will design economic incentives and policy solutions to address major environmental problems. The course covers topics such as climate change, water and air quality, animal waste, toxic contamination, forestry, and fishery policy.

DEVP 227 Principles of Natural Resource Management 2 Units
This course provides an introduction to the principles of natural resource management. It covers basic modeling techniques, genetic resources, and the conservation of biodiversity. Students will present research reports based on case studies.

DEVP 228 Strategic Planning and Project Management 3 Units
This course offers a practical introduction to strategic planning and project management. It includes case studies, simulations, and class projects to apply these approaches in real-world development settings. The course covers specific problems like climate change, water and air quality, and animal waste.

DEVP 228A Project Management 1 Unit
This course is geared towards developing critical skills and knowledge for project planning. It is particularly beneficial for students involved in experiential learning programs such as MDP, where team projects are common.
DEVP 228B Strategic Planning and Management 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024
This course focuses on the tools, techniques and methodologies by which sustainable development leaders can enhance the impact and viability of their organizations and/or plans. In this course, we will assume a leadership perspective on the management of organizations with the intent of improving your strategic decision-making skills. You will learn the analytical tools used by organizations to maximize their impact on key stakeholders.

DEVP 229 Quantitative Methods and Impact Evaluation 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of estimation, prediction, and hypothesis testing. The course will focus on impact evaluation theory and methods and will explore the variety of tools available for rigorously measuring the impact of development programs on poverty.

DEVP 230 Politics of Policy Success 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024
Delve into the triumphs of public policy in the Global South, with a primary emphasis on Latin America. Uncover stories of social welfare programs that lifted millions from poverty, criminal justice reforms that curbed human rights abuses, and transformative voting technologies. Assess the effectiveness of these policies, and explore the political dynamics that facilitated their success. By the end, you'll gain insights into the symbiotic relationship between good policy and good politics in the Global South.

DEVP 232 Foundations of Public Health 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
The seminar will introduce core disciplines and concepts in public health, using a case-based, integrated approach. Examples of cases discussed include: respiratory disease and air pollution; tobacco control and prevention of smoking-related conditions; disease elimination or eradication via childhood immunization; environmental control and prevention of schistosomiasis; behavior change and prevention of HIV/AIDS; and novel economic approaches to improving healthcare delivery to impoverished groups.
DEVP 233 Law, Politics, and Policymaking 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
Law, Politics, and Policymaking will introduce students to principles of law, the mechanisms of politics, political economy, and policymaking delving into fundamentals of business, as well as environmental, international, and human rights law in the context of development. This course will provide students with insights into real-world contexts in which sustainable development practice takes place. It will consist of case studies of political economic and legal analysis.
Law, Politics, and Policymaking: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Farber, Rausser
Law, Politics, and Policymaking: Read Less [-]

DEVP 235 Economic Development and Policy 3 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
Learn to apply the tools of economic analysis to problems of growth, poverty, and environmental sustainability in developing countries and to understand what can be done to promote development through policies and investment projects, and learn to analyze the economic, social, and environmental impacts of specific initiatives. This course will teach students to use data to conduct development analyses and learn to prepare the corresponding reports for international development agencies and policymakers.
Economic Development and Policy: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Microeconomics and econometrics at the undergraduate upper-division or Master's level
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: de Janvry, Roland-Holst, Raphael
Economic Development and Policy: Read Less [-]

DEVP 237 Leadership, Conflict Resolution, and Community Development 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
This three-segment course starts with critical evaluation of literature and methods for communal natural resource management, followed by a segment that emphasizes leadership skills and conflict resolution approaches for development. The third segment will address issues of conflict and policymaking in a global context and provide the institutional perspective of development organizations and strategies.
Leadership, Conflict Resolution, and Community Development: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Ray, Carpenter, Barclay
Leadership, Conflict Resolution, and Community Development: Read Less [-]

DEVP 239 Interactive/Multidisciplinary Seminar 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022
This course provides an opportunity for Master of Development Practice students to interact with a diverse group of invited guest speakers, including academics and practitioners. It will also provide opportunities for group discussion of basic questions, and it will provide opportunities to present ideas and discuss research and internship plans and experiences.
Interactive/Multidisciplinary Seminar: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructors: Zilberman, Scharffenberger
Interactive/Multidisciplinary Seminar: Read Less [-]
DEVP 240 Introduction to Development Practice 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023
Introduction to Development Practice is a course geared towards first-semester MDP students to provide an introduction, overview, and history of the development field, including a discussion of the emergence of various forms of development institutions and organizations, as well as key policies influencing the emergence and evolution of the field. Introduction to Development Practice: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Reddy
Introduction to Development Practice: Read Less [-]

DEVP 252 International Poverty and Economic Development 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024
The focus of the course is on rigorous analysis of issues in development economics from a microeconomics lens. We take a threefold approach to each topic: we examine, in turn, theory, evidence, and policy. Yet the goal of the course is not simply to have you learn facts and theories about poor countries—instead, the goal is that you learn, hands-on, how economists approach problems of development. As such, the bulk of the course will be devoted to in-depth analysis of (microeconomic) models and (micro-econometric) empirical methods. Finally, a sub-theme of the course is to provide the professional tools and experience in using data sets for analysis.
International Poverty and Economic Development: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Reddy
International Poverty and Economic Development: Read Less [-]
DEVP 295 Implementing and Assessing International Development Projects and Policies: From Theory to Practice 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022
This course will bridge the gap between development theory and its application by sharing the challenges that arise from: i) the implementation of projects and programs supported by international financing institutions like IFAD; and ii) the assessment of their impact. Since the mandate of IFAD is to focus on fighting rural poverty, the seminar will cover a range of topics regarding: i) sectoral/sub-sectoral domains such as rural development, natural resource management, and micro-finance; ii) vulnerable social groups such as indigenous people, marginal farmers, women and youth; and iii) key development processes such as targeting, empowerment, participatory planning, and monitoring and evaluation.

Implementing and Assessing International Development Projects and Policies: From Theory to Practice: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Galletti

Implementing and Assessing International Development Projects and Policies: From Theory to Practice: Read Less [-]

DEVP 296 Innovative Finance for Development 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022
This course will focus on the means and methods of finance applied to social, economic, and environmental challenges facing developing economies. It will survey the application of innovative financing emerging through new products and services, new processes and operations and organizational forms in addressing problems as diverse as entrepreneurial finance, renewable energy, environmental finance, global health, accelerating medical solutions, regional development, affordable housing, urban revitalization and infrastructure.

Innovative Finance for Development: Read More [+]
Objectives & Outcomes
Course Objectives: In addition to understanding the evolving field of development finance, students will discover why capital structure matters in aligning diverse interests into new business models for sustainable social and economic change and develop capacity in designing appropriate financial products/structure.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will acquire and apply data gathering, economic, and financial analytical skills to identify specific market failures in developing economies enabling them to apply appropriate financial tools to bridge capital gaps for project and enterprise finance. They will:
• Design and construct an innovative finance application in a developing economy;
• Measure, analyze and report development impacts of an innovative finance project;
• Identify and develop how a development impact investment would benefit and expand capital access through the creative use of innovative financing tools;
• Assist a high-impact project to access flexible market and below-market financial tools;
• Identify how to structure the transaction and identify potential interested partners with aligned interests in the proposed project.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Yago

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DEVP 299 Independent Study 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022
Supervised Independent Study and Research
Independent Study: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 2 times.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Practice/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Zilberman

Independent Study: Read Less [-]