Global Development and Innovation (Graduate Certificate)

Are you interested in working for nonprofits, industries and research institutions engaged in global development? Do you want to gain skills so that you are able to identify sustainable solutions to 21st century global development challenges? Gain a global development perspective that emphasizes knowledge and skills to realize transformative social change.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Global Development and Innovation (Certificate)
The graduate certificate program in global development and innovation responds to the knowledge and skills gap that development practitioners around the world often struggle with. It provides current and critical perspectives as well as analytical and practical skills to address some of today's most pressing global challenges including inequality, sustainability and poverty.

Program graduates will have acquired an understanding of the main debates in global development and will be able to engage in informed and critical ways with professionals from a range of development backgrounds to challenge development orthodoxies. Graduates will have learned how to approach development problems with creativity and confidence and with the ability to work collaboratively on addressing some of today's most pressing global challenges, including inequality and sustainability.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Global Futures
- Location: Tempe or Online
Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

Required Core (6 credit hours)
GTD 501 Global Technology and Development (3)
GTD 511 Development Policy and Practices (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students select nine credit hours from a restricted list of electives; no more than three one-credit courses may count toward the nine. The electives can change over time as needed, with unit director approval. For a current and complete list of approved electives, students should see the academic unit.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the College of Global Futures.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from an international institution that is officially recognized by that country.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. personal statement
3. resume
4. official transcripts
5. two letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency. Acceptable proof consists of a TOEFL score of at least 550 (PBT) or 80 (iBT), an IELTS overall band score of at least 6.5 with no band below 6.0, or a Pearson Test of English score of at least 60. The most current requirements are available on the Admission Services website at https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.
International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a master's degree or doctoral degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Application Deadlines

Fall

Spring

Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Identify and analyze competing theories and practices on global development and innovation.
- Communicate global development policies, the practice of development, and actual outcomes.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program may pair the certificate with other graduate degrees to pursue a variety of careers. Professionals with an understanding of the main debates in development are in high demand across a wide range of global development agencies including nongovernmental organizations, civil society, foundations, industries and philanthropic organizations.

Career examples include:

- data analyst
- development planner
- development program associate
- development field researcher
- gender specialist in nongovernmental organizations
- organizational consultant
- organizational development specialist
- poverty analyst
- social entrepreneur