ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Predesigned Concentration Information

Economic development concerns itself with the well-being of a society and its members, and with the socio-cultural, institutional, political, and economic processes that serve to promote (or retard) progress in this regard. Since the subject, by its very nature, is comprehensive, the economic and community development predesigned concentration covers a broad range of topics, including local community development, regional economic development, and development of national economies, especially for developing countries. The essence of the challenge to planners, policy analysts, managers, advocates, and others who work on behalf of economic development is to discover and implement means to directly or indirectly create jobs, raise productivity levels and incomes and promote human development and human capabilities.

The positions students with training in economic and community development have taken are quite varied (see next paragraph). That variety illustrates how the knowledge transmitted in the concentration spreads into different areas of public affairs. Moreover, the analytical frameworks developed in the primary concentration requirements provides a good conceptual framework for other concentrations, such as science and technology policy, environmental policy, foreign affairs, urban and regional planning, social policy, and policy analysis.

Previous positions held by graduates of the Humphrey School include: planner in the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development; Women's Small Business Development Project supervisor with the Peace Corps in Nepal; researcher on the Minnesota Governor's Task Force on Poverty and Jobs; health services researcher at the Veterans Health Administration; Credit Program director of Refugee Employment Services for Lutheran Social Service in Minnesota; industrial consultant to the Costa Rican Ice Machine Industry; regional director of the Minnesota Project's Small Business Program; development intern at the U.S. Agency for International Development; and legislative aide to various Congress people in Washington D.C.

Foundational Course for Economic and Community Development concentration

PA 5501 Theories and Policies of Development* (3 cr)

Select elective courses from below (to bring total concentration credits to 9 or more)**

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APEC 5581  Human Capital and Household Economics  3
APEC 5651  Economics of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy  3
APEC 5731  Economic Growth and International Development  3
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ECON 8311  Economic Growth and Development  2
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EDPA 5104  Strategies for International Development of Education Systems  3
EDPA 5121  Educational Reform in an International Context  3
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ESPM 5251  Natural Resources in Sustainable International Development  3
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GEOG 5401  Geography of Environmental Systems & Global Change  3
GWSS 8401  Gender, Space and Resistance  3
ESPM 5251  Natural Resources in Sustainable International Development  3
POL 5485  Human Rights and Democracy in the World  3

**Not all courses on this list are offered every year. Some courses may have prerequisites. Students may select other courses for this concentration in consultation with their faculty and professional advisors.**

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Ragui Assaad, professor (on leave 2011-12)
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