



COLLABORATION AND IMPACT ACROSS CULTURES

Take on global challenges such as poverty, social justice, and climate using the power of collaboration.

The Humphrey School's MDP students work internationally and interculturally. You'll tackle global problems that have no roadmap and cannot be solved by one person alone. You'll assemble a team, form a plan, implement it, and evaluate its impact. You will work outside your comfort zone and understand power relationships that affect social justice.

SPECIALIZATIONS:

While the MDP has no fixed specializations, you can bring your expertise in engineering, economics, liberal arts, public health, or any other degree or profession. Choose elective courses from the 150 graduate-level programs at the University of Minnesota outside of the core curriculum.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE?

Common roles after graduation include program officer, project manager, or policy analyst. Many graduates join international development organizations such as Save the Children, Chemonics Consulting, and the United Nations System. Others focus on community development in a foundation, local organization, or government in their home country. Some join think tanks or organizations such as the World Resources Institute or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to address global challenges.

PROGRAM POINTS OF PRIDE

Interdisciplinary

MDP students choose their courses from a broad range of subjects across the University of Minnesota, then apply their learning in diverse Humphrey School project teams.

Collaborative

MDP projects and field experience emphasize teamwork. Students learn to form a team, gather resources, identify tactics, and implement a plan. These are critical skills for international development professionals.

Intercultural

A significant number of MDP students come from outside the United States, and our faculty collaborate with researchers and organizations across the globe.

Vice President
Robert Humphrey





5%

The Humphrey School ranks in the top 5% of public policy schools



The Humphrey School is located in the vibrant city of Minneapolis, Minnesota



Humphrey School alumni are employed in nearly every region across the globe

OUR IDEAL CANDIDATES

Our students come from many different countries, work experiences, and undergraduate degrees. They share an interest in understanding complex problems from multiple perspectives, often through international and intercultural experiences.



THE CURRICULUM

The MDP curriculum focuses on group experiences and applying theories learned in class. It prepares students for a career solving big challenges in the field as part of a team.

- Intensive development practice orientation
- Core courses + interdisciplinary courses (43 credits)
- Electives in natural science, health and education, management and policy, and social science (7 credits)
- Capstone workshop (3 credits)
- International field experience (400 hours)

Every student has the option to combine a Humphrey School degree with another University of Minnesota graduate or professional degree in law, social work, public health, or business.

YOU WILL LEARN

- The theory and practice to address sustainable development challenges
- To think critically, and quickly dig in to problems for which there are no easy solutions
- To gather the resources that a mission-driven organization needs to achieve its goals
- To collaborate as a member of a diverse team

FINANCING YOUR DEGREE

Students who apply by the deadline of Dec. 15 are automatically considered for a range of merit and need-based aid. Many students work as paid teaching or research assistants at some point in the program, most commonly in their second year of study. Some MDP students are supported by University of Minnesota or external fellowships, and most receive grants to defray the costs of their international field experience.

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