WORLD DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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Program Scope
The field of world development studies looks at the comprehensive transformations that have been brought to human societies across the globe by the spread of the industrial revolution. Approximately one-third of the world’s population enjoys a higher material standard of living due to industrialization, whereas two-thirds are in relative poverty. The likelihood, means, and consequences of closing this gap provide the central foci of world development studies. Since this social transformation affects all aspects of human existence, all of the social science disciplines devote important efforts to understanding it.

Issues Central to World Development Studies
• How did the world distribution of income and wealth become so unequal, and will or must it stay that way?
• Can economic development occur in a non-Western way?
• What is the role of grassroots organizations and movements in social change?
• In development strategy, how much market and how much planning?
• How does the development process impact women differently from men?
• Are industrialization and environmental health compatible?
• Is economic development necessarily associated with democracy?
• What does global change do to existing cultures and psyches?

Career Outlook
Though the minor is not intended as a complete career preparation, it certainly serves as an introduction to a growing career field. There are tens of thousands of development professionals working for governments, the United Nations and its affiliated agencies, a multitude of non-governmental organizations, development banks, universities, and private companies around the world. The minor enables the student to discover a major field of employment as well as scholarly activity.

Professors
Banerjee, Barbosa, Moss, Oñate, Shastri, Yansane

Associate Professors
Keith, King, Quesada

World Development Studies Minor — 22 – 28 units
All courses must be approved by a faculty advisor, who should be contacted as soon as a student decides to declare the minor. All student’s program must include courses with at least three different departmental prefixes. Substitutions are possible with an advisor’s approval.

Historical Background (3 units)
Select one of the following:
AFRS 302 Black Diaspora 3
HIST 400 History of Modern European Imperialism 3
HIST/ANTH/LTNS 501 Latin America: The National Period 3
I R 520 Globalization and Development 4

The Global Development Era (3 – 4 units)
Select one of the following Theory and Practice Units:
ECON 620 Economic Development 3
I R 540 The Rich and the Poor Nations 4

Development and the Environment (3 – 4 units)
Select one of the following:
ECON 550 Environmental Economics 3
GEOG 427 Agriculture and Food Supply 4
I R 331 Global Environmental Crisis 4
SOC 483 Global Sociology 4
SOC 484 Population and Social Dynamics 4

Cultural, Ethnic, and Gender Perspectives (3 – 4 units)
Select one of the following:
AFRS 335 The Black Woman: A Cultural Analysis 3
ANTH 321 Endangered Cultures 3
I R/PLSI 544 Women in the World 4
LTNS 410 Seminar on Gender and Latinas/os 3
SOC 461 Ethnic Relations: International Comparisons 4

Regional Comparisons (6 – 8 units)
Select two different regions of the following:
AFRS 301 Africa in Global Perspective 3
ANTH 315 Regional Ethnography 3
HIST 520 Central America and the Caribbean 3
HIST 550 Social Change in Modern Latin America 3
HIST 611 Modern Africa 3
I R/PLSI 321 Development and Foreign Policy–Africa 4
I R/PLSI 322 Latin American Policy Analysis 4
I R 324 Middle East and North Africa in International Relations 4
LTNS 460 Central Americans of the U.S.: History and Heritage 3
PLSI/I R 412 South Asian Politics 4
PLSI/I R 416 Ethnicity and Nationalism 4

Electives (3 – 4 units)
Select one of the following or from courses in the above categories not chosen to fulfill a requirement within student’s program:
ANTH/CST 320 Racism: Cross-Cultural Analysis 3
ANTH/CST 585 Globalization and World Cultures 3
CINE 308 Third Cinema 3
GEOG 425 Economic Geography 3  
HIST 524 History of Mexico 3  
HIST 528 History of Brazil 3  
HIST 571 History of Modern China 3  
HIST 578 History of Japan 3  
HUM 520 North and South American Cultural Expression 3  
IBUS 591 Doing Business in Latin America 3  
IBUS 592 Doing Business in Greater China 3  
I R/PLSI 325 Chinese Foreign Policy 4  
I R 326 South and Southeast Asia Foreign Relations 4  
I R 334 International Organizations: New World Order 4  
I R 446 The Multinational Corporation in World Affairs 4  
LTNS/HIST 278 History of Latinos in the U.S. 3  
PSY 455 Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Psychology 3

**Holistic Perspective: Special Study (1 unit)**

A special study from the student’s advisor’s home department (ANTH 699, ECON 699, etc.)