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About the international development specialization

The development specialization focuses on the economics, political, demographic, health, and ethical dimensions of development. Our courses cover topics such as economic stagnation, poverty, unhappiness, food insecurity, political repression, ethnic/religious conflict, population displacement, and health. Students acquire the tools and skills required to identify development challenges and to measure accurately the effects of interventions on development outcomes.

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<http://www.facebook.com/internationaldevelopmentatmspp>.

IDEV NEWS! Language Corners start Sep. 9!!!

Language Corners are starting at MSPP! Beginning April 8th in VMH 1113, Language Corners in Arabic, English, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish will be offered to students, faculty and staff of all competencies each Monday (through Dec. 9). One or

more native speakers of the Corner's language will host each session, where they will start conversations, serve as a resource for participants unsure of how to express themselves, make sure only the Corner language is spoken (no exceptions!) and play social host. Please contact Karen Ye (karenisback@gmail.com), the Language Corner primary coordinator, with any questions or suggestions you may have.

Languages, times and hosts are as follows:

Arabic	12:30 - 1:30pm	Sarah El-Borai
English	12:15 - 1:15pm	Kenneth Durril
Mandarin	12:00 - 1:30pm	Karen Ye
Spanish	11:45 - 1:15pm	Diana Mendoza-Cervantes, Jaime Torres, Sebastian Roa

International Development Alumni Employers (2006-2012)

Brookings Institution; Chemonics; Development Alternatives, Inc.; Government of France; Government of India; Middle East Institute and Youth Action International; U.S. Agency for International Development; U.S. Department of State; U.S. Peace Corps; United Nations, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; University of Maryland; Baltimore City (MD) Office of the Mayor; U.S. Air Force; CNFA, Farmer-to-Farmer East Africa

Program; Advocacy Project; Partners for Development; U.S. Department of Justice; Accenture; Achieve, Inc.; Africa Society; American University; Annie E. Caey Foundation; ARISE Chicago; Baltimore County (MD) Department of Health; Capital One Financial; Child Center of New York; China Export and Credit Insurance Corporation; Colon Cancer Alliance; Corporation for National and Community Service; CTC; Echoing Green; Endeavor Argentina; Financial Consumer Protection Board; FINCA International; Futures Group; Innovations for Poverty Action; International Budget Partnership; IQ Solutions, Inc.; Korean Energy Economic Institute (KEEI); Laogai Research Foundation; Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; Maryland China Initiative; Micro Insurance Academy; MSI-US; Northrop Grumman Corporation; Riverwatch, Inc.; U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Department of Social Development and World Peace; U.S. Department of Labor; U.S. Global Leadership Coalition; U.S. Government Accountability Office; University of Francisco Marroquin (Guatamala); University of North Carolina, Water Institute; University of Southern California; World Water Forum.

International Development Town Hall

Each semester, the IDEV director holds a Town Hall. At this event, students and faculty discuss course offerings for the upcoming semesters, changes to the

specialization and solicit feedback for improvements. Suggestions from previous Town Halls have resulted in new courses. Student led specialization councils also describe their current activities and efforts for student advocacy and engagement. These events are the best way for students to get a comprehensive overview of the specialization and to shape its future direction.

 [IDEV 2013-2014 Course Summaries 1-29-13.pdf](#)

Primary International Development Faculty and Friends

Name	Expertise
Afzal, Madiha <i>Assistant Professor</i>	Ethnic violence, community participation, decentralization and corruption in South Asia
Bhargava, Alok <i>Professor</i>	Nutrition and food policy, population health, child development
Besharov, Douglas	

Engle

Welfare Reform, child abuse/child welfare, family policy

Professor

**Crocker,
David**

*Senior Research
Scholar, IPPP*

Ethics, development, foreign aid, democratization, human rights

**Destler, I. M.
(Mac)**

*Saul Stern
Professor of
Civic
Engagement,
Senior Fellow,
CISSM*

Political economy of trade policymaking, American foreign
policymaking

**Gallagher,
Nancy**

*Associate
Director for
Research, CISSM*

Global security, arms control and verification, nuclear policy, space
activities international relations theory

Haaga, John

*Adjunct
Professor*

Global health, demography.

Hilde, Thomas
Research

International environmental policy, institutions, and law;
sustainable development; climate change adaptation; ethics and

<i>Scholar</i>	political philosophy
Jones, Kevin	
<i>Research Scholar, CISSM</i>	Dynamics of civil violence, prevention of and response to violent conflict
Levine, Daniel	
<i>Assistant Professor, Research Fellow, CISSM</i>	Ethics, political philosophy, philosophy of international law, civil conflict, peacekeeping
Patwardhan, Anand	
Professor	Climate studies, mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change, diffusion and adoption of clean technology and broader issues of science, technology and innovation policy.
Petrescu, Ioana	
Assistant Professor, Director IDEV	Taxation in developing and transitional economies, entrepreneurship in transitional economies, economic sanctions.
Schick, Allen	
<i>Professor</i>	Federal budgeting, congress, public administration
Schwab, Susan	
<i>Professor</i>	Trade relations and trade politics

**Sprinkle,
Robert H.**
*Associate
Professor*

Bioethics, health policy, environmental policy, political theory, and
biosecurity

**Steinbruner,
John**
*Professor &
Director, CISSM*

International security and international policy.

Swagel, Phillip

Professor

International economic policy

IDEV Council

IDEV Council is a student group dedicated to promoting the topic of international development at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy. Elected by the MPP-IDEV student body, the IDEV Council advocates for students' interests and concerns regarding the specialization program. In addition, IDEV Council organizes academic, professional, and social events related to the field of international development. The flagship program is Development Circle, a bi-weekly luncheon that features presentations from top thinkers and practitioners of development policy.

Development Circle

Development Circle is a forum on development challenges featuring faculty, students, and special guests from outside the School. It is usually held on Wednesdays in VMH1203 or VMH1207.

Academic information for PhD students

Students are also required to pass exams in their chosen specialization. Full-time students usually take these exams at the end of the second year; part-time students at the end of the third or fourth year. Faculty members associated with each specialization determine requirements and procedures. Students should inform the specialization faculty of their intention to take the exams at least six months in advance. Faculty in turn will inform students of exam requirements and procedures and provide any additional reading lists at least three months before the exams are administered.

IDEV Specialization PhD exam reading lists

Academic information for master students

International Development Specialization Curriculum

In addition to meeting the **overall requirements** of their degree program, students electing to specialize in international development must complete four requirements.

Students must complete both International Economic Policy and International Development Economics:

International Economic Policy (PUAF 781)

International Development Economics (PUAF 782)

Students must complete either Development Challenges or Pathways to Development:

Development Challenges in the Globalization Process - (PUAF 698R)

Selected Topics Public Policy: Pathways to

Development - (PUAF 699J)

At least one international development elective.
Popular IDEV electives include:

PUAF 688T:Transitional Justice and Development
(Crocker)

PUAF 689J: Food, Economics and Health (Bhargava)

**PUAF 689V: Public Policy Topics: Forecasting and
Anylzing Political Violence** (Jones)

PUAF 698O:Ethics, Development and Foreign Aid
(Crocker)

PUAF 699D:Disease, Disaster, and Development
(Sprinkle)

PUAF 699K:Civil Conflict (Steinbruner)

**PUAF 699Q:Demography, Development and Social
Policy** (Haaga)

PUAF 720:International Security Policy (Gallagher)

MPP Students Only: **IDEV Project Course (PUAF 790)**

Students analyze and recommend responses to a current policy issue of their choice. Emphasizes problem definition, organization of information, and presentation of results.

Other courses of interest for IDEV students:

PUAF 798T: Morocco: Political and Social Development

Typical MPP Student International Development Academic Plan

Fall Semester I

Core: PUAF 610 "Quantitative Aspects of Public Policy " OR PUAF 611 "Quantitative Analysis of Policy Issues "

Core: PUAF 620 "Political Analysis" or PUAF 688A "Comparative Political Institution"

Core: PUAF 640 "Microeconomics and Policy Analysis"

Spring Semester I

Core: PUAF 641 "Macroeconomics and Policy Analysis"

Core: PUAF 711 "Public Management & Leadership"

IDEV: PUAF 698R "Development & Globalization" or elective

Core: PUAF 650 "Moral Dimensions of Public Policy"

Fall Semester II

IDEV: PUAF 782 "International Development Economics"

IDEV: PUAF 699J "Pathways to Development" or elective

Two general electives

IDEV: Elective

Spring Semester II

IDEV: PUAF 781 "International Economic Policy"

IDEV: PUAF 790 "Project Course"

Two general electives

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