

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Department of Geography offers a graduate certificate in development studies. Development studies is a well-established, interdisciplinary field of research with institutional centers at a number of major universities and several scholarly journals dedicated to its study. The certificate provides training in development studies to graduate students through a structured yet flexible program built around courses taught by CU faculty in a number of social science departments.

Because development issues such as agrarian change, labor migration, new social movements, industrial growth, urban planning and natural resource use cut across disciplinary divides, the study of development demands interdisciplinary approaches.

For more information, visit the department's Graduate Certificate in Development Studies (<https://www.colorado.edu/geography/graduate-certificate-development-studies/>) webpage.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Currently enrolled graduate students at CU and nondegree ACCESS students with bachelor's degrees may pursue the development studies certificate by completing the four required courses with a grade of B or higher.

For more information, please contact the certificate director, Jennifer Fluri (Jennifer.Fluri@colorado.edu) or visit the department website (<https://www.colorado.edu/geography/graduate-certificate-development-studies/>).

Required Courses and Credits

The certificate requires the completion of 12 credits (four courses), at least two but not more than three of which should be taken in the Department of Geography.

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Core Requirement | | |
| All students must take the core Geography class in development: | | |
| GEOG 5632 | Development Geography | 3 |
| Geography Seminar Requirement | | 3 |
| All students must take one additional Geography seminar from among the following: | | |
| GEOG 5662 | Seminar: Topics in Economic Geography | |
| GEOG 6402 | Seminar: Political Ecology | |
| GEOG 5732 | Population Geography | |
| GEOG 5292 | Migration, Immigrant Adaptation, and Development | |
| Additional Seminar Requirements | | 6 |
| In addition, students should complete 2 additional seminars from the following list, at least one of which should be outside of Geography: | | |
| GEOG 5662 | Seminar: Topics in Economic Geography | |
| GEOG 6402 | Seminar: Political Ecology | |

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| GEOG 5732 | Population Geography |
| GEOG 5292 | Migration, Immigrant Adaptation, and Development |
| GEOG 5100 | Special Topics: Geography (with approval from the certificate program director) |
| HIST 6019 | Readings in World History |
| HIST 5628 | Modern China: Collapse of Imperial Brilliance, 1644-1949 |
| HIST 5129 | Colloquium in Modern Asian History |
| ANTH 7000 | Seminar: Current Research Topics in Cultural Anthropology ¹ |
| ANTH 7600 | Human Ecology: Cultural Aspects |
| ANTH 5020 | Explorations in Anthropology (Conservation and Indigenous Peoples) |
| ANTH 5500 | Cross-Cultural Aspects of Socioeconomic Development |
| MDST 6211 | Communication and International Development |
| SOCY 6016 | Topics in Sex and Gender (Gender in Globalization) |
| SOCY 6007 | Foundations of Environmental Sociology |
| SOCY 6017 | Inequality, Democracy, and the Environment |
| SOCY 7017 | Population and Environment |
| SOCY 6012 | Population Issues, Problems, and Policies |
| ENVS 6305 | Reducing the Environmental Impact of Food Systems: Evidence-Based Solutions |
| ENVS 6304 | Introduction to Food Systems Internationally |
| PSCI 7132 | Comparative Political Economy |
| PSCI 7073 | Seminar: Global Political Economy |
| PSCI 7032 | Seminar: Latin American Politics |
| PSCI 7022 | Seminar in Political and Economic Development |
| PSCI 7206 | Public Policy and the Governance of Natural Resources |
| WGST 6090 | Feminist Theories |
| WGST 6190 | Feminist Methodology |
| WGST 6290 | Special Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies (only certain topics apply) ² |

Total Credit Hours **12**

¹ One of the following sections: Section 2 Human Ecology; Section 3 Space, Place and Capitalism; Section 5 National and Cultural Citizenship; Section 9 Ethnographies of Globalization or Ethnographies of Latin America; Section 12 Modernity; Section 13 Anthropology of Neoliberalism

² One of the following sections: Gender – Global Perspective; Global Gender Issues; Gender and Global Human Rights

Plan(s) of Study

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