



## 2019-2020 International Development Certificate

The **International Development Policy and Management Certificate program (IDCP)** offers students a foundation for addressing complex questions of poverty and development. The IDCP “transcriptable” certificate has been earned by 350 UW graduate students from 20 departments and Schools, and allows students to study current topics in international policy, management and economics in a disciplinarily diverse classroom.

### REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requires that students complete 9 credits of core course material and two electives (6-8 credits) that cover areas or methods focused on international development.

- **Three core courses** (9 credits total).
  - **PUBPOL 531: Development Management and Governance** (Autumn Quarter; 4 credits) examines the characteristics of development policy and aid institutions and explores the ethical and practical considerations of managing development projects at the national and local levels.
  - **PUBPOL 533: Economics of International Development** (Winter Quarter; 4 credits) critically examines the most common economic development indicators of poverty, growth, and inequality, and provides an overview of, and basic economic literacy around, international macroeconomic topics including debt, aid, trade, and financial markets.
  - **PUBPOL 598: International Development Certificate Portfolio** (Spring Quarter; 1 credit) A portfolio and short analytic paper developed by each student, reflecting upon the key learning experiences of the program. The portfolio will consist of a set of papers completed through the IDCP courses, while the analytic paper will act as a reflective analytic summary of the portfolio, coursework, and student learning in the IDCP program.
- **Two elective courses** (6-8 credits total) that cover areas or methods focused on international development, chosen from a list of approved electives (available on the program website).

During their final quarter, all certificate participants must turn in a final planning form for approval by the certificate staff. Completion of the International Development Certificate will be acknowledged on the student’s official UW transcript.

### ELIGIBILITY

Students currently enrolled in graduate programs at the University of Washington may apply during their first year of graduate study to complete the program during their second year (Ph.D. students are welcome to complete the program over multiple years). Students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Students are encouraged to review the [UW Graduate School policies on certificate programs](#), noting in particular the following: “The overlap of coursework applied towards both programs [certificate program and degree program] must not exceed 6 credits and is limited to elective coursework in each program.”

## **APPLICATION**

The application deadline is **April 14, 2019**. The application requirements include:

- A coversheet that includes your name, contact information, and a list of the documents submitted
- A short letter of application with the following four sections, each between 100–200 words:
  - A narrative introducing yourself, your background, areas of interest, professional and academic experience, strengths, and future intentions.
  - A description of your professional experience, internationally and/or domestically, including what you did, where you were, what you learned, relevant technical and language skills, and other accomplishments or experiences.
  - A description of your areas of interest within relief and/or development and how you would contribute to the diversity of disciplines, perspectives, regions, and experiences of your cohort class and answering the question, “Why does it make sense for you to earn this certificate?”
- A current resume listing both educational and professional experience.
- University of Washington transcript (unofficial is fine)

For application instructions, please [visit our website](#).

Students will be admitted to the International Development Certificate Program on the basis of the strength of their applications, including academic merit, interest, disciplinary diversity, and experience.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

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