Global Development and Innovation (Graduate Certificate)

One of the greatest moral and political imperatives of our time is in addressing the challenges in global development. Understanding and implementing innovative developmental goals begins with new perspectives in innovative policies and practices. This certificate program welcomes emerging scholars and professionals to learn and share innovative development thinking for the future.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Global Development and Innovation (Certificate)

The graduate certificate in global development and innovation responds to the knowledge and skills gap with which development practitioners often struggle, connecting with innovations that policymakers seek for more sustainable and resilient futures. It provides current and critical perspectives on innovation and development for overseeing and managing complex global challenges while fostering cultural sensitivities and dispositions.

Program graduates contribute to improving development policy and practices through analysis, integration and incorporation of emerging insights and best practices, making them available to policymakers, practitioners and tech-innovators.

At a Glance

- **College/School:*** School for the Future of Innovation in Society
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online

Degree Requirements
15 credit hours

**Required Core (6 credit hours)**
GTD 501 Global Technology and Development (3)
GTD 511 Development Policy and Practices (3)

**Electives (9 credit hours)**

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students select nine credit hours from a restricted elective list. This list can change and increase over time as needed with unit director approval. Students may select a maximum of three one-credit courses toward fulfillment of the total of nine credit hours. Students should see the academic unit for a complete list of approved electives.

**Admission Requirements**
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the School for the Future of Innovation in Society.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent from an international institution that is officially recognized by that country.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. personal statement
3. resume
4. official transcripts
5. two letters of recommendation
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency. Acceptable proof consists of a TOEFL score of at least 550 (PBT) or 80 (iBT), an IELTS overall band score of at least 6.5 with no band below 6.0, or a Pearson Test of English score of at least
60. The most current requirements are available at https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa will first need to apply to and be accepted into a master’s degree or doctoral degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission be considered for admission to this certificate program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**  
**Spring**  

**Global Opportunities**

- PLuS Alliance  
- Global Experience  
- Global Degree

**Career Opportunities**

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