Global Development (Graduate Certificate)

Gain a comprehensive education in core global business concepts at the home of the world's No. 1-ranked Master of Global Management (THE/WSJ 2019) to broaden your global mindset, sharpen global management and leadership skills and enhance your marketability.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Global Development (Certificate)
Thunderbird's graduate certificate program in global development provides an in-depth study of the global political economy as well as social entrepreneurship, community and social engagement, international nongovernmental organizations and global strategy, giving students the skills they need to make a difference in a global society.

Content in each course is developed by top-ranked Thunderbird faculty and provides students with world-class professional development in a variety of subject areas. The school's innovative and practical curriculum (with a strong core of global business management skills, international political economy and cross-cultural training) is delivered through a transdisciplinary approach.

Thunderbird School of Global Management has produced unique leaders for more than 70 years, leaders in every sector capable of tackling the world's greatest challenges. The alumni network comprises 45,000 graduates and 170 chapters around the globe.

At a Glance

- College/School: Thunderbird School of Global Management
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus
Degree Requirements

15 credit hours

Required Core (6 credit hours)
TGM 510 Strategies in Global Development (3)
TGM 585 Corporate Social Responsibility in a Global Context (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

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

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. GMAT or GRE test scores
4. one letter of recommendation
5. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate 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.

Career Opportunities
Graduates who have combined the certificate in global development with their major program of study may become more marketable to employers. They often decide to pursue employment in nonprofit and social impact areas.

Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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