Community Development Policy and Practice

Degree: Master of Arts

Those with the passion and desire to have a greater impact in their communities need the critical knowledge and proven skills to effect the changes demanded by today’s rapidly changing world. Suited for community development practitioners and those transitioning into the field, students can choose to complete the program in 14 or 24 months with short, in-person terms during the summer followed by interactive online courses during the fall through spring terms. Students directly apply what they learn in the classroom by carrying out a yearlong project within their communities, developing a valuable toolkit that meets the gold standard in project management, from design to evaluation methodologies. Students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and experience required to qualify for management positions within non-profit, non-governmental, and community-based organizations in addition to government agencies and private corporations.
Master of Arts in Community Development Policy and Practice

The Master of Arts in Community Development Policy and Practice prepares graduates for advanced policy- and practice-oriented sustainable development work within the United States and internationally.

Topics you will study

Management
• Project Design through Evaluation
• Organization Management
• Budgeting & Financial Management
• Human Resource Management
• Leadership
• Negotiation & Communication

Policy & Social Sciences
• Economics
• Policy Analysis
• Community Development
• Social Enterprise
• Research Methodologies

Natural Sciences & Engineering
• Infrastructure
• Agriculture & Forestry
• Water Management
• Energy
• Climate & Environmental Sciences

Health Sciences
• Global Health & Community Medicine
• Nutrition
• Reproductive Health
• Fundamental Epidemiology
• Population Sciences

Program Highlights
Flexible Program Format:
14-month or 24-month options
Short in-person summer terms with interactive online courses fall through spring terms

Ideal for Working Professionals:
Apply what you learn through a yearlong community project
Learn from actively engaged and experienced field practitioners
Learn from professors and peers in a small group-learning environment

Recent Graduate Profiles
A sample of recent graduates now work in the following positions and organizations:
• Policy Analyst, Oregon Center for Public Policy
• Donor Coordinator, Federal Government of Somalia
• Executive Director, Juliette’s House Child Abuse Intervention Center, Oregon
• Director of Mississippi and New Orleans Programs, W. K. Kellogg Foundation
• Regional Refugee Coordinator, Kansas Department of Children and Families
• Principal Consultant, Curtis & Associates, Australia
• Legislative Aide, Alaska
• Director, Paso Pacífico, Nicaragua
• Environmental Analyst, NEIWPCC, Massachusetts
• Director of Cultural Competency and Global Diversity, Hun School of Princeton

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