

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR

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Learn how to think and act as an agent for positive social change.

The International Development Interdisciplinary Minor encourages students to think critically and act responsibly in an interconnected world. The 21-credit program specifically examines the methods and challenges of poverty alleviation and economic development. Coursework is flexible and individualized to meet students' educational needs. The minor emphasizes international and cross-cultural perspectives and offers coursework from multiple disciplines. Students work through diverse ideas of development, poverty, sustainability, and related topics. A required common course critically examines theories and processes of development. The program prepares students for a variety of employment opportunities related to international development, including volunteer work or employment in international and advocacy organizations, or business, policy, and research groups. The minor provides an international perspective that complements any CSU major.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Identify, explain, and evaluate theories and applied processes of international development.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the economic, political, and social dimensions of global poverty and inequality.
3. Analyze key developmental challenges and global concerns in written and oral presentations.
4. Apply key concepts in original research in international development.