

MA in INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

International educators worldwide are responding to increasing globalization by internationalizing their institutions and programs. This takes the form of mobility programs of all types and duration, collaboration with counterparts from other regions, curricular reform, community involvement, and distance learning initiatives. The International Education degree prepares students for professional positions in international education in schools and colleges (especially the international education offices that serve international students and scholars and/or support study abroad programs), as well as in a wide range of other nonprofit and for-profit organizations that seek to increase international understanding through community education, citizen exchange, and educational travel. Through courses and other learning activities, students examine the historical, theoretical, and social foundations of international education programs. The curriculum also includes skills-oriented courses in all aspects of the designing and managing of programs for individuals and groups, and advocacy in promoting programs and supporting the needs of participants.

Students in the degree envision themselves working in the field in a variety of areas. In addition to the required core courses, the International Education degree provides an opportunity to combine interests in working with specific constituencies or program themes by combining courses through students' choice of a minimum of 11 elective credits. In this way, students can explore interests and develop skills related to advising, exchange management, non-formal and community education, volunteer program management, language teaching administration, or in the other degree areas of sustainable development or conflict transformation.

Selection of actual electives will depend on each student's combination of prior experience, competencies, interests, and semesters of study. These thematic areas serve as guides to assist in course selection, and will not be displayed on the final transcript with the actual list of courses taken.

Advising

Students interested in International Education Advising enter direct service positions such as international student advisor; study abroad advisor; intercultural/international exchange trainer/programmer; international student recruiter, admissions, and placement specialist; and field or sponsoring agency representative for exchange organizations.

Exchange Management

Students interested in Exchange Management may enter administrative or management positions such as director or assistant director in a study abroad or international student services office; and manager of program development, supervision, and evaluation in an exchange or educational travel organization.

Nonformal and Community Education

Students interested in Nonformal and Community Education work with multicultural education programs in institutions, community and non-governmental organizations planning and/or implementing programs.

Volunteer Program Management

Students in this field are interested in formal and nonformal educational and service-learning programs at the community level, working with community representatives and interns on program design, delivery, and evaluation.

Language Teaching Administration

Students in Language Teaching Administration typically have some exposure to language education (including ESL) and would like to manage programs or institutions in this context.

Minimum Required Credits: 29

Required Courses

Program core courses: 6 credits

MPIM5050	Foundations in Intercultural Service, Leadership, and Management	4
MPIM5510	Practitioner Inquiry	2

Plus degree courses: 12 credits

IEDP5050	International Educational Policy	3
IEDP5060	International Education Design and Delivery	3
IEDP5500	Theory and Practice of International Education	3
IEDP5600	International Education Design Concepts and Evaluation	3

*Plus 9 credits from the following:**

ICHR5025	Training Design for Experiential Learning	3
THRD5070	Popular and Nonformal Education	2
ICHR5050	Social Identity: Exclusion and Inclusion	3
ICHR5201	Cross-Cultural Counseling	3
ICHR5521	Skills and Topics in Conflict Transformation	1
ICHR5522	Mediation	2
ICHR5550	Conflict and Identity	3
ICHR5650	Education for Social Justice	3
IEDP5080	Issues Seminar in International Education	1
IEDP5650	Issues Seminar in International Education Programming	1
MGMT5120	Financial Management	3
MGMT5128	Fundraising and Grantwriting	2
MGMT5130	Human Resources Management	3
MGMT5140	Strategic Management	3
MGMT5145	Strategic Planning and Implementation	3
MGMT5210	Social Entrepreneurship	3
MGMT5370	Leadership and Change	3
MGMT5515	Statistics for Practitioners	1
SDIS5020	Issues in Sustainable Development	3
SDIS5022	Training for Social Action	3
SDIS5220	Policy Advocacy	3
SDIS5310	International Policy and Citizen Advocacy	1
SDIS5350	Leadership, Community, and Coalition Building	3
PEAC5006	Youth Program Leadership	3
IE	Low-Residency workshops— topics TBA	1

Note: Other courses may be used as electives with prior written approval from the degree chair.

Plus a minimum of 2 additional credits (student choice).

** Not all listed classes will be offered each academic year. Course offerings depend on a minimum enrollment of ten (10) students.*