

## **POLI SCI - INTL. DEVELOPMENT (PSDV)**

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### **PSDV 2400 Intro to Internatl Development (3 Credit Hours)**

This course introduces students to the notion and history of “international development” and examines the different theories and strategies of development that have evolved in the last seventy years. We address the many challenges that the global community is facing in its efforts to reduce poverty in an equitable and sustainable manner. We then tackle varied thematic issues and goals of development such as understanding multifaceted poverty, improving health and education outcomes, and building sustainable cities, which provide students with opportunities to apply the theories under study along with exploring possible solutions.

### **PSDV 3200 Development Issues & Strategies (3 Credit Hours)**

This course gives insight into how to make development more sustainable, durable, compatible with nature, the needs of current and future generations, and, in particular, the essential needs of the world’s poor. Keeping in mind that the definition of sustainability is heavily dependent on local contexts and concerns, the course provides several approaches to understanding sustainable development. These include: governance at global, national, and local levels, the resource curse hypothesis, sustainable and durable peace, international aid and debt structures, and a gender lens. The assignments take the students through a process of developing a policy for a current problem in a developing country of their choice.

### **PSDV 3500 Global Food Politics & Policy (3 Credit Hours)**

### **PSDV 3561 Environment & Development (3 Credit Hours)**

### **PSDV 4200 Women & Development in Africa (3 Credit Hours)**

Development studies increasingly focus on questions of gender and family as drivers and receivers of development. Improving the quality of life of African women and families hinges on first understanding who they are and why and how they live as they do. In this course we will explore a key question: How are women, gender and sexuality central to development in Sub-Saharan Africa? The course aims to answer this question by providing a comprehensive overview of the social, political, economic, regional and global realities that shape daily lives of women in Sub-Saharan Africa. We will examine diverse topics ranging from family planning and social entrepreneurship to beauty politics and women’s role in conflict. A variety of case studies and authors from across the continent will be consulted, including examples from Kenya, Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Somalia, and Nigeria. The course will be interdisciplinary in approach, with material drawn from public health, history, education, psychology, political science, environmental studies, and literature. The sources we will use will be diverse, including academic articles, monographs, novels, short stories, poetry, art, and film. This course is required for students who wish to apply for the Newcomb College Institute’s summer program in Kenya.

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

### **PSDV 4300 Identity and Development (3 Credit Hours)**

A principal concern of many development theorists and practitioners today is the need to recognize differences. That means, fundamentally, respecting differences in identity and how one’s identity or identities, such as gender, ethnicity, family structure, national origin, political affiliation, race, and religion play out in daily practice. The first section of the course provides historical and theoretical context for current discussions of identity as they relate to, affect and shape current international development theory and practice. The second section of the course examines cross-cutting issues where identity concerns intersect, with an emphasis on current trends and challenges, such as migration, violence, and urban change.

**Prerequisite(s):** (IDEV 3200, 3200, PSDV 3200 or 3200).

### **PSDV 4320 Migrants Refugees & Development (3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

### **PSDV 4330 Post-Conflict Development (3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

### **PSDV 4392 Controversies-Globab Pub Hlth (3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

### **PSDV 4400 Dev in the Francophone World (3 Credit Hours)**

Development in the Francophone World, taught in the French language, focuses on political, economic, and social aspects of development in francophone developing areas, especially in Africa. We will discuss disaster relief issues with a focus on Haiti. Topics of discussion include: historical and political heritage; French and European development practices in terms of trade, investment, and foreign aid; entrepreneurship as a tool of development; and the impact of globalization and migration on the regions in question. We will examine development programs in areas such as poverty, food security, education, human rights and gender equity, health, and the environment, and will assess the performance and prospects of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (2000-2015) and Sustainable Development Goals (2016-2030).

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

**PSDV 4560 Internship (1-3 Credit Hours)**

With the approval from the International Development Studies Program and the Center for Public Service, students can gain unique practical experiences and earn credit by engaging in a service-learning internship course. The internship program provides students the opportunity to bridge academic learning with service in the community. Internships foster professional development, promote practical application of knowledge acquired in the classroom, and encourage civic engagement. This course requires motivation, passion, and enthusiasm.

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

**PSDV 4561 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

**PSDV 4900 Leadership & Mgmt Development (3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (POLS 2010 or 2010) and (PSDV 2400 or 2400).

**PSDV 4901 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

**PSDV 4950 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).

**PSDV 4951 Special Topics (1-3 Credit Hours)**

**Prerequisite(s):** (PSDV 2400 or 2400) and (POLS 2010 or 2010).