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BACKGROUND

In 2009, the University of Florida (UF) received a prestigious award from the MacArthur Foundation to develop a Master's program focused on training a new generation of development practitioners. UF is now part of a global network of 22 universities offering a two-year Master's in Development Practice Program (MDP).

- Over the last 30 years UF faculty have developed a niche in graduate training in conservation and development, and are recognized worldwide for interdisciplinary scholarship, research, outreach and use of non-traditional learning spaces. Our program builds on this experience with students learning from faculty across seven colleges and all-campus units at UF.
- The UF MDP comparative advantage lies in working with natural resource- rich communities in Africa and Latin America using grassroots and community-driven development approaches, a track record of recruiting early and mid-level practitioners and scholars, and providing opportunities that encourage peer-to-peer learning.

The UF MDP program is administered jointly by the Center for Latin American Studies and the Center for African Studies. Both are internationally recognized centers of excellence and federally-funded Title VI centers in area studies.

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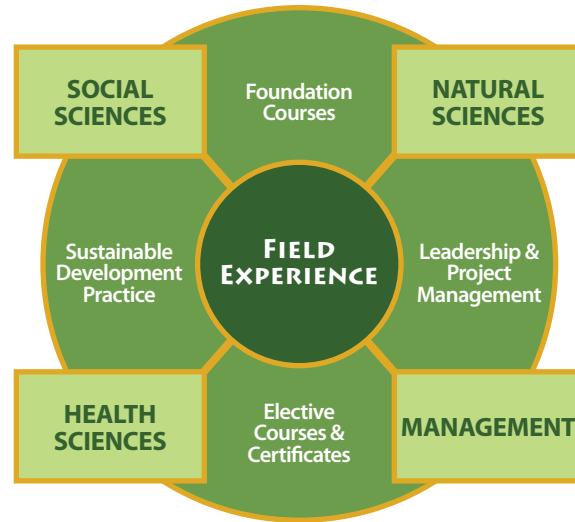
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FRAMEWORK



CURRICULUM

The 51-credit, five-semester UF MDP curriculum combines two years of on campus learning with an intensive three-month field practicum. On campus instruction includes ten discipline specific foundational courses, four elective courses in a student selected specialization and integrative seminars to build a cutting-edge professional education. The field practicum will build student skills in consultancy management, working in project teams, project management, participatory and action research, and monitoring and reporting skills.

ELIGIBILITY

To apply to the UF MDP you should have a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution and meet all the UF graduate school requirements for admission. These include taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and for non-native English speakers, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Successful applicants will have

- A strong undergraduate record
- Three letters of recommendation
- A compelling statement of purpose

APPLICATION

Application materials and additional information are available online at <http://www.africa.edu/mdp> or by contacting
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