

ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT & SUSTAINABILITY (EEDS)

A new major in sustainability at The Ohio State University



EEDS Specialization: International Development

Overview

The International Development specialization focuses on the theory and practice of sustainable development in an international setting. The goal is to improve our understanding of how to reduce poverty by developing approaches that promote improved, secure, and sustainable livelihoods for those whose basic survival depends directly on the natural environment.

The United Nations report, "Our Common Future" defines sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." In addition to the notion of limits to economic growth imposed by finite resources, sustainable development emphasizes the essential needs of the world's poor, many of whom depend directly on natural resources for their own subsistence. Reducing global poverty while also conserving natural resources and promoting sustainable livelihoods is one of the central challenges we face in achieving a more sustainable future.

The International Development specialization is led by faculty from the School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) and the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AEDE). Courses include experiential learning team projects, guest lectures from professionals and traditional classroom learning. Ohio State also provides a number of outstanding study abroad programs that are well-suited for this specialization.

EEDS is an interdisciplinary major that is a joint program of the School of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Courses

Required or highly recommended courses within the International Development specialization include:

- International Economic Development
- Social Groups in Developing Countries
- Food Security and Globalization
- Women in Environment and Development
- Cultural Conflict in Developing Nations
- International Environmental Politics

Job/Internship Opportunities

Students earning a degree in this specialization are suited for career paths in the private sector, government, non-government organizations (NGOs) and international/multilateral aid organizations, with a focus on topics like sustainable development, conservation, human rights, or environmental justice. Potential employers include USAID, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, Conservation International, World Bank, World Resources Institute, Foundation for Sustainable Development and the Peace Corps.

Faculty

The lead faculty for the International Development specialization is Dr. Jeremy Brooks, Visiting Assistant Professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources. Dr. Brooks may be contacted at brooks.719@osu.edu.

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