

**MDP Orientation and Follow up meeting (Semester One):** All incoming students are expected to participate in these activities. The meetings will familiarize students with the MDP Program and its philosophy, including cohort-building activities, discussion of expectations, learning objectives, competencies and field practicum (FP) planning.

Pillar Semester	Social Sciences	Health Sciences	Natural Sciences	Management Sciences
Semester One (Fall) 12 Credits	<b>LAS 6943/AFS 6305 Global Classroom: Development Theory and Practice</b> [McKune] 3 Credits	<b>PHC 6764 Global Health and Development I</b> [McKune] 3 Credits	<b>AGR 5277C Tropical Cropping Systems</b> [MacDonald] or <b>AFS 6905 People and Parks</b> [Child] 3 Credits	<b>LAS 6291 Communication and Leadership Skills</b> [Dain / Williams] 3 Credits
Semester Two (Spring) 12 Credits	<b>AEB 6933 Econ. Dev. in Lat. America</b> [Useche] or <b>LAS 6938/AFS 6307 Foundations of Econ. Analysis for Sust. Dev.</b> [Serra] 3 Credits	<b>Select from short list of approved Health Sciences Pillar courses (now or during year 2)</b> 3 Credits	<b>Elective Course (from any pillar – not just Natural Sciences)</b> 3 Credits	<b>LAS 6049/AFS 6062 Design and Methods for Sustainable Development Practice</b> [Galloway] 3 Credits

**Evaluation:** Individual performance (competencies-skills, knowledge, group participation and leadership) will be evaluated throughout the educational process.

<b>Summer Field Practicum</b>	Field practicum in Africa, Latin America or other region of the world, including the U.S.: Includes the application of knowledge and skills in the context of a development process, following the FP Guidelines. Students will be required to prepare a poster and final report on their field practicum project during the second academic year.
-------------------------------	--

**Mid-point meeting: (Semester three):** All students will schedule to meet with the Program Director, Graduate Coordinator, and Program Coordinator in early Fall. The student's supervisory chair will also be invited to attend. Topics covered in the meeting include finalization the program study plan, graduation requirements, and student learning outcomes. The student will also have an opportunity to offer any feedback on their program experience thus far.

Semester Three (Fall) 12 Credits	<b>Two Elective Courses (Any Pillar)</b> 6 credits	<b>LAS 6046/AFS 6303 Development Administration</b> [Galloway] 3 Credits
	<b>LAS 6047/AFS 6346 Conservation and Development Practicum</b> (for preparation of field practicum final report) [Galloway] 3 Credits	
Semester Four (Spring) 9 Credits	<b>Two Elective Courses (Any Pillar)</b> 6 credits	<b>EVR 5705 Natural Resource Management and Innovation Systems</b> [Porzecanski] 3 Credits

*Most students take only 9 credits in their last semester.*

**Final Evaluation (Semester four):** Each student will present the results of their field practicum in a public seminar followed by a defense with their supervisory committee. During the defense, the supervisory committee will also apply a "Learning Objectives Assessment" that focuses on outcomes related to knowledge, skills and professional behavior.