

MASTERS IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE AT UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA WITH FECT, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND OPEN UNIVERSITY

SUMMARY

A new Masters in Development Practice (MDP) is proposed by the University of Peradeniya in collaboration with the Foundation for Environment, Climate and Technology, Columbia University, Open Universities and others starting in 2011. The program is to be hosted at the Department of Economics at the University of Peradeniya. This program is supported by MacArthur Foundation, Chicago as a constituent of a 15 node global network of Universities that are offering MDP. The MDP is intended to equip development practitioners with relevance expertise in fields relevant for sustainable development practice.

MASTERS IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

The two year program has been designed to equip development practitioners to address sustainable development challenges across the *health sciences, natural sciences, social sciences and management*.

This cross-disciplinary, academic curriculum emphasizes the development of critical knowledge, skills and attributes of an effective professional.

FOR WHOM....

- practitioners with prior experience
- those interested in pursuing a career in
 - development management
 - public policy or public administration
 - educationists in related fields

The program will reach out to prospective candidates from the Asian region, and to those from outside the region who have an interest in regional issues and sustainable development issues.

Collaborators



University of Peradeniya
Sri Lanka

Columbia University, USA
Open University of Sri Lanka
Maldivian Ministry of Environment



Foundation for Environment,
Climate and Technology
Sri Lanka

UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA (UoP)

The University of Peradeniya is the heir to the University of Ceylon and is situated in Central Sri Lanka. The University is home to 8 faculties and hosts 8,500 undergraduates and 2000 postgraduate students.



Students – University of Peradeniya

The Global Master's in Development Practice Secretariat, based at Columbia University's Earth Institute, helps coordinate the MDP network (<http://mdp.ei.columbia.edu/>). The Foundation for Environment, Climate and Technology arose out of collaborative projects on Sustainable Development between the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

TENTATIVE CURRICULUM

Specialization Areas at U of Peradeniya

1. Coastal Regions and Tropical Islands
2. Millennium Development Goals and Poverty Measurement and Analysis
3. Climate Change in South Asia
4. Technology for Sustainable Development

Year 1—pre-MDP

Professional writing and communication skills
Principles of Leadership
Statistics refresher course
Mathematics refresher course
Fundamentals of Economics
Fundamentals of Environmental Science
Essential Computer Skills
Introductory Field Seminar on Development Practice (Practicum)

Year 1—First semester

Global Classroom: Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Development
Humans in the Natural Environment
Natural Resource Management
Methods of Sustainable Development practice
Microeconomics of Development and Policy Analysis
Cross-Disciplinary Practicum

Year 1—Second semester

Poverty, Health and Inequality with a focus on Nutrition and Population Science
Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Development and Social Dynamics
Information and Communication Technologies
Foreign Language Elective
Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Marine Affairs
Environmental Economics/Valuation of the Natural Environment
Cross-Disciplinary Practicum
Applied Field Training (Pre-departure) Seminar

Year 1—End Term

Field Study/Internship Program (3 months)

Year 2—First semester

Energy and the Environment
Budget Planning, Financial and Commodities Management
Economics and Policy Analysis
Cross-Disciplinary Practicum

Year 2—Second semester

Tropical Health and Epidemiology
Planning Urban and Rural Infrastructure
Macroeconomics for Public Policy
Climate and Society
Risk Analysis and Cost-Benefit Analysis
Cross-Disciplinary Practicum
Applied Field Training (Internship) Seminar

Year 2— End Term

Field Study /Internship Programme (3 months)

Internship Placements:

We are in discussion with several organizations to find practicum placements. These include:
Gemidiriya
Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka
Ministry of Environment, Maldives
Ministry of Environment, Sri Lanka
International Water Management Institute
Practical Action
Center for Policy Alternatives

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