Certificate in Development Economics

What can be done to alleviate hunger and improve self-sufficiency?
What is the relationship between population growth and poverty?
How do we measure the impact of globalization on growth and development?

The Certificate in Development Economics will sharpen your understanding of some of the most pressing problems facing the global community. You will build a solid foundation of analytic skills that will enable you to better understand the challenges created by work poverty. You will learn how economics can be used to develop policies to address the problems of poverty and the impact of globalization on growth and development. Courses focus on a variety of issues, including: the relationship between population growth and economic growth, the major debates about food self-sufficiency and food security, how child labor and gender discrimination limit economic development, and what environmental problems are posed by economic development.

Students completing the Certificate in Development Economics are often interested in careers in international development. Depending on their major, they may find careers in policy analysis, consulting, or working abroad. They find employment with a variety of employers including nonprofit organizations, government agencies, cooperatives, or multinational firms. Students may also pursue a graduate degree in economics, public policy, international development, law, or other areas.

Students must have successfully completed AAE 215, Econ 101, or Econ 111 or a comparable introductory microeconomics course prior to declaring the Certificate in Development Economics.

The Certificate requires 5 courses and is open to any undergraduate student enrolled at UW-Madison. Certificate requirements and further information on courses can be found in the Guide.

To declare the Certificate in Development Economics, or for further exploration, students should contact the undergraduate advisor, Linda Davis. Appointments can be scheduled through Starfish.