

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Overview and Contact Information

Sustainable development implies use of natural resources and organization of economic activity in ways that can be maintained indefinitely. In order for development to be sustainable, all regions of the world and all social classes must have political and economic agency. This recognizes that as people meet the needs (including social, political, cultural, economic, and health) of current generations without compromising the ability of future generations to also meet their needs, they do so through fair and equitable processes of production, distribution, and consumption.

For the Development Studies Nexus, students devise their own plan in consultation with the track chair and must seek advance approval from the chair.

See Also

- Environmental Studies (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/environmental-studies/>)
- Sustainability Studies (<http://catalog.mtholyoke.edu/areas-study/sustainability-studies/>)

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Faculty

This area of study is administered by the following Nexus track chairs:

Ayca Zayim, Assistant Professor of Sociology

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Requirements for the Nexus

A minimum of 18 credits:

Code	Title	Credits
	Three courses above the 100 level chosen from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair	12
	One approved 300-level course from the list of courses approved for this Nexus or selected with approval of the track chair	4
	Completion of the UAF application stages 1 and 2 ¹	
	A substantive internship ²	
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
	A presentation at LEAP Symposium	
Total Credits		18

¹ Or a fifth class with approval of the track chair

² At least 240 work hours and responsibilities that exercise ability to think analytically and creatively, and contribute meaningfully to the organization's stated mission and complements the student's area of focus

Additional Specifications

- Nexus students will develop a brief proposal outlining their specific area of focus and provide a course outline for approval from the track chair. A Plan of Study form must be returned to the Nexus Program office.
- The sequence of a Nexus is part of what makes it unique:
 - In preparation for the summer internship or research, students complete courses chosen in consultation with the track chair. If seeking funding through LYNK UAF, students will additionally complete orientation and advising, and online training.
 - COLL-211 is taken after the internship or research project and culminates in a presentation at LEAP Symposium.

Courses Counting toward the Nexus

Courses other than those listed below may count toward the Nexus.

Students should consult the Nexus track chair for consideration of courses not on the list.

Code	Title	Credits
Anthropology		
ANTHR-216HR	Special Topics in Anthropology: 'Anthropology and Human Rights'	4
College(Interdeptmnt) Courses		
COLL-211	Reflecting Back: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education	2
Economics		
ECON-213	Economic Development	4
ECON-314	Economic Development in the Age of Contested Globalization	4
Environmental Studies		
ENVST-210	Political Ecology	4
ENVST-242	Global-Local Inequality and the Environment	4
Geography		
GEOG-105	World Regional Geography	4
GEOG-204	Human Dimensions of Environmental Change	4
GEOG-208	Global Movements: Migrations, Refugees and Diasporas	4
GEOG-313	Third World Development	4
GEOG-319	Africa: Problems and Prospects	4
GEOG-325	Conflict and Displacement in Africa	4
History		
HIST-357	History of British Capitalism	4
Politics		
POLIT-246	American Political Thought	4
POLIT-249	African Politics	4
Sociology		
SOCI-240	Collective Behavior and Social Movements	4

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Development and Globalization' 4