

MASTER'S IN

Development Practice (MDP)

Emory MDP is a two-year STEM degree program that prepares students for careers as development and humanitarian professionals through rigorous coursework, skill building, and practicum experiences.

Embracing an understanding of sustainable development grounded in theory, history, and context and committed to equitable, accountable and transformative approaches.

Growing innovative and impactful change leaders who are guided by evidence and equipped to operate effectively across sectors and scales, including local, national, and global levels.

Why Emory MDP: A Unique Experience

- A leading research university, consistently ranked in the top 25 in the United States
- Interdisciplinary coursework across Emory top-ranked professional schools and academic departments
- Experienced professionals teaching skill-focused courses that build critical programmatic competencies
- Two summer practicums (8-10 weeks each) with partner organizations across the world or in the United States
- Academic-year internships with globally and/or locally focused organizations based in Atlanta or working remotely (optional)
- Career support through workshops, mentoring, practicums, and field-specific resources
- Partial tuition scholarships, paid internships, and practicum support helping students meet program and living costs

A Multi-Cultural, Close-Knit Learning Community

Limited cohort size enables an interactive and customized learning experience. The MDP program welcomes students with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, with 50-75% of a typical cohort being international students. This rich diversity enables students to learn from one another through class discussions and joint projects.



Competencies

REQUIRED

Social Science &
Integrative Analysis

Research & Applied
Methods

Environmental Sciences

Health Sciences

Management

Social Justice

Concentrations

OPTIONAL

Gender Justice

Global Health &
Wellbeing

Sustainable
Environments

Water & Sanitation

Corporate Social
Responsibility

Monitoring & Evaluation

Program Management



Learning from Practice

Since inception in 2010, Emory MDP has facilitated **500+ summer practicums with 100+ organizations across 70+ countries.**

Students serve as **“embedded practitioners”** within partner organizations, integrated into teams, and entrusted with meaningful assignments as professionals-in-training. In doing so, they build competencies, experiences, and networks while contributing to their host organizations’ mission.

Host organizations include nonprofits, government agencies, research centers, private sector, and community-led organizations, working across public health, water and sanitation, environmental sustainability, climate change, economic empowerment, human rights, disaster response, and refugee assistance.

Making a Difference

Emory MDP has graduated **200+ alumni**, who have a **96% rate of employment** (and/or enrollment in advanced studies) in relevant fields. This network serves as an invaluable resource, providing mentorship, internships, connections, and job leads to current students and recent graduates.

We are proud partners of the Coverdell Fellows Program for Returned Peace Corps Volunteers



Emory MDP Alumni Employment by Sector

51%

Nonprofit/NGOs

15%

Government and Public Agencies

12%

Private Sector

10%

Contractors & Consulting Firms

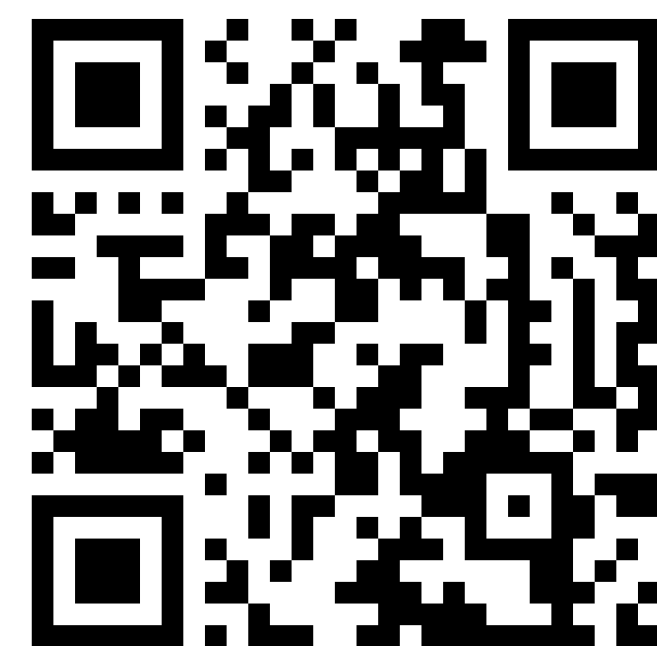
9%

Universities

3%

Self-Employed

Recent Practicum Partners Include:



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