

MSA: International Development

(off-campus degree)

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Education at Andrews University has always been rooted in the concept of Christian service. Educators, nurses, agronomists, and various technicians have developed schools, hospitals, agricultural programs, and a host of other institutions and facilities that can improve the quality of life for people everywhere. Through its Affiliation and Extension Programs Andrews University has made it possible for students to earn degrees at off-campus locations around the world. The MSA: International Development is one such program, and its principal purpose is to provide a venue for in-service training of development workers whose work responsibilities and life situation do not permit a return to full-time study at a university campus. The interdisciplinary program takes four to five years to complete and it draws on the strength of all six schools of the university. Students attend five three-week intensive sessions once a year at extension sites in various locations around the world. The curriculum for this program has been developed using the principles of project cycle management (PCM) as the framework. The goal of the program is to strengthen the capacity of participating individuals and organizations to start and successfully sustain community development programs, including small businesses, cottage industries, agricultural projects, and health programs as well as assisting communities in planning for and responding to disasters and emergencies. The ultimate goal is to enable graduates to acquire whatever capacities they need to be effective agents in helping their communities attain well-being for its present members and their future generations.

Administration of the Program

The off-campus Master of Science in Administration: International Development program is administered by the MSA/ID Council, an inter-school council, made up of administrators and faculty from the Affiliation and Extension Program, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business, the Division of Architecture, the College of Technology, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and the School of Graduate Studies. The council works closely with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and other governmental and non-governmental organizations in planning and implementing new courses and curricula and in scheduling venues for delivery of intensives. It also develops and monitors compliance with policies governing admission of students to the program, student academic progress, and admission to candidacy status. The day-to-day administration of the

program is the responsibility of the International Development Program Office. Faculty guidance is provided by the IDP Coordinating Committee. These teams are headed by the Senior Director of the International Development Program.

Teaching Sites

The International Development Program offers its classes in four regions and four languages around the world as follows: Africa (English), Eurasia (Russian and English), Europe (French and English), and Latin America (Spanish and English). A university campus is the venue in each region for the teaching sessions.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to regular standing into the International Development Program, students must

- Qualify for general admission into graduate studies at Andrews University (see p. 41)
- Have a four-year baccalaureate degree or its equivalent
- Demonstrate computer literacy skills such as word processing and internet usage
- Verify access to web, the internet and fax.

Note: The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) transcript requirement is waived for students in the overseas program.

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Core Courses—24

Social Science Foundations—7

SOCI520; EDPC622; ANTH417; IDSC689

IDSC699

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A study of the special problems of developing countries from the perspectives of anthropology, demography, geography, political