The MDP Program Offers:

- Curriculum that integrates global health, natural sciences, social sciences and development management
- Faculty expertise and active engagement in international development
- Opportunities to build specialized skills
- Hands on international field experiences
- A multi-cultural experience located in Tucson, Arizona, with close proximity to the US/Mexico border
- The most affordable MDP offered by a major student, centered research university

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MDP students present at Sustainable Development Conference

In September, MDP students traveled to Columbia University in New York City to present their research at the 3rd Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice. The theme of the conference was “Implementing the SDG’s: Getting Started”. The MDP students' presentations included Albert Castella’s “Getting Started on the Post 2015 Development Agenda: Identifying Positive Community Change Leaders in Cite Soleil, Haiti” co-authored by Sabina Carlson Robillard and Louino Robillard.
Student Photo Exhibit

On Oct. 15th, MDP students held the 2nd annual MDP photo exhibition at Espresso Art Cafe. The exhibit included images from MDP students’ recent experiences on their summer practicums in 8 different countries; from Ethiopia to Thailand to Mexico the students worked towards improvements in global health, microfinance, peace, and environmental prosperity. The exhibit moved to Café Luce for the entire month of November. Please stop by Café Luce during the month of November to learn more.

Meet MDP Student MonaLee Paguntalan Teves

Q: What motivated you to pursue MDP at U of A?
A: I needed an academic discipline that would compliment my prior experience in development working in resource mobilization, project management, & capacity building surrounding women and children, corruption, persons with disability.

Q: Tell us a bit about what you would like to pursue for your summer field practicum?
A: I’m here on the Global Grant Scholarship from the Tucson (Presidio) branch of Rotary International. In effect my studies here are geared towards developing my proposed project for the Rotary International. The project focuses on coastal resilience management for the Barangay Baybay Norte Village in Miagao, Iloilo in the Philippines. The goal is to design a coastal resilience plan for the community and ultimately find ways of diversifying livelihoods. The community is located in a typhoon belt and many individuals’ livelihoods revolve around fishing, therefore we need to figure out a way to diversify income because there are many weeks of the year that people cannot fish.

Q: How do you hope to use your degree once you finish the MDP program?
A: I’m going back to Miagao, when I finish MDP, to serve in the community for 1 year (as a part of my Rotary scholarship). This is the poorest village in the municipality, so ideally my vision is to create a sustainable model that allows future MDP students to come for practicums and engage with this community.

MDP Student News

WE MOVED! We are now located in U of A’s new ENR2 Building on the Main Campus. We also welcomed 15 talented students to the 4th ever UA MDP Cohort.

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2016
UA MDP is happy to announce we now accept Peace Corps Fellows!

ARIZONA MDP WITHIN THE MDP GLOBAL NETWORK
The Arizona MDP Program is a member of the Student Alumni Advisory Council (SAAC) whose mission is to connect Master’s in Development Practice students and alumni around the world. This association drives collaboration between community, regional, and global branches of MDP institutions. MDP students are progressing partnerships between other MDP Universities.

GLOBAL NETWORK FOR WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT
In response to a prominent need, MDP student, Ashley Erbe experienced in the field this summer, she created the Global Network for Women in Development. The vision is to connect women around the world to start a conversation on the joys and struggles of working in development. For more info, please email her at gn.womenindev@gmail.com
MDP Student News Continued...

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This year several MDP students are working with the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, a program within the School of Anthropology on projects in Tucson and Nogales Sonora. Some students studying the use of compost toilets that were installed several years ago in Nogales, Sonora and comparing to the use of them on the U.S. side of the border. Others are working with the Community Food Bank to conduct an ethnography on a community located in central Tucson as a means to improve the availability and accessibility of culturally relevant food donations.

WHERE ARE MDP ALUMNI NOW?
MDP alumni are doing incredible work around the world. Please see the link above for details regarding their influential work as development practitioners (in 8 different countries currently).

MDP Alumni Facts

83% of alumni currently employed within 1 year after graduating and working across 5 continents

40% of alumni are working internationally

Where MDP Alumni are currently working