

Economic Development — Graduate Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Economic Development provides a specialization in the theories and practice of economic development, primarily within the U.S and Alabama. It is an interdisciplinary graduate certificate offered by the faculty of participating departments (Public Administration, Community Planning, and Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology) and is administered by the Master of Public Administration program.

Students may pursue the Graduate Certificate in Economic Development as a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking student. To earn the graduate minor, students must complete the program's basic course, Economic Development and Competition (POLI 7700/7706), three elective courses selected from an approved list, and a one-week non-credit intensive economic development training course sponsored by the Government and Economic Development Institute (GEDI). The Auburn Intensive Economic Development Course is accredited by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Since its inception, this program has produced 1,300 alumni, 70% of whom have had jobs in community economic development. GEDI will be an active partner with the MPA program, linking the program to its extensive network of economic development practitioners throughout Alabama.

Code	Title	Hours
POLI 7700	Economic Development and Competition	3
Economic Development Seminar by GEDI		
Choose any 3 the following courses:		9
POLI 6150	Intergovernmental Relations and Federalism	
POLI 7140	Financial Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations	
POLI 7330	Seminar in Administrative Leadership, Responsibility, and Democratic Government	
POLI 7520	Program Evaluation	
POLI 7920	MPA Internship	3-6
CPLN 6050	Land and Urban Economics	
CPLN 6090	Community Development	
CPLN 6460	Geographic Information Systems for Planning and Policy	
AGEC 7110	Agricultural Economic Development	
RSOC 6610	Rural Sociology	
RSOC 6650	Sociology of Natural Resources and the Environment	
RSOC 7620	Sociology of Community	
RSOC 7630	Political Economy of Development	