Minor in International Development and Conflict Management (19 credits)

The Minor in International Development and Conflict Management is intended for students aspiring to a profession in the fields of conflict resolution, international development, and humanitarian relief. The program combines existing courses at the University of Maryland with a capstone project and a practicum requirement.

**Required Courses (6 credits)**

Core Course: GVPT354 - *Peacebuilding, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, and International Development.* The Core Course must be completed prior to any other elements of the program. Enrollment in this course may be limited. Please consult with the program director at the beginning of the pre-registration period.

Statistics Requirement: Students are required to take three credits of statistics. The following currently-approved courses fulfill this requirement: AREC 484, BIOM 301, BMGT 230, CNEC 400, ECON 321, EDMS 451, GEOG 305, GVPT 227, PSYC 200, SOCY 201, URSP 350. Students may use courses taken prior to enrollment in the Minor to fulfill the statistics requirement.

**Electives (6 credits)**

Each student is required to take two additional existing courses from a predetermined list. The elective list is divided into two categories: “War, Violence and Conflict Management,” and “Aspects of Development.” Students take one course from each category. Contact the program coordinator for a full list of eligible electives. Departments represented on the elective list include: ANTH, AREC, COMM, ECON, GEOG, GVPT, PSYC, and SOCY. Courses taken prior to enrollment in the minor may not be used as electives.

**Capstone Session (6 credits)**

The Capstone Session is a six-week intensive course that is only offered during the summer term. The goal of the Capstone is to reinforce the theoretical knowledge that students have acquired in the classroom by linking it with a set of practical skills that are useful in the international development field.

**Practicum (1 credit)**

All the students in the program are encouraged to complete an internship. The program makes every effort to secure internships for all students. In lieu of an internship, participants are able to write a policy brief, grant proposal, site visit report, or complete a similar project to fulfill the practicum requirement.

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- A minimum grade of C is required for all classes.
- Non-GVPT majors may apply six credits toward the Minor and their major.
- GVPT majors may not apply credits toward the Minor and the GVPT major.

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**Primary Sponsoring Unit:** Department of Government and Politics in collaboration with the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM).

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**Advising Process:** Interested students should contact CIDCM at cidcm@cidcm.umd.edu in order to receive information on applying for the minor. Once accepted into the minor program, students will work with CIDCM and the program advisors to develop an academic plan to complete the minor.

**Title for Transcript:** Government and Politics: International Development and Conflict Management