

International Education Policy and Management (M.Ed.)

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

—Nelson Mandela

International Education Policy and Management (IEPM) in the Department of Leadership, Policy, and Organizations is designed for students with diverse career interests related to the practice or study of K-12 or higher education and human and economic development in international contexts. The IEPM Program equips students with the skills and knowledge to become change makers in the field of international education and to address public policy issues facing education systems and nonformal learning environments in



diverse contexts around the world. Core courses provide a strong foundation in education research and data analysis with a focus on practical applications. The curriculum includes

a practicum to be undertaken in either a domestic or international setting. To graduate, students either take a comprehensive exam, complete a policy paper or prepare a professional portfolio. About one third of students are from outside the U.S.

Career Paths

Students who pursue the IEPM degree have diverse international career interests and ambitions. Some enter the world of international development assistance; others go to work for foundations that have international educational programs or work in administrative or academic positions at K-12 schools or universities in the U.S. or abroad; and still others find research or operations positions in nongovernmental/nonprofit or consulting organizations. Examples of positions include: program coordinator or policy analyst in departments of education; development officers or analysts in international organizations; director, coordinator, or officer for international affairs, study abroad, or international services offices in universities; and program coordinators or developers for U.S. or international start-ups or entrepreneurial initiatives.



What Our Graduates Do

IEPM training prepared Amanda Blewitt, M.Ed. '15, for her role as executive

director of Un Mundo, a Honduran nonprofit that facilitates grassroots development projects in impoverished rural communities. Amanda now works as an educator for Thinking Beyond Borders, helping young people grasp the complexities of international development and explore becoming agents of change.

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