University of Guelph  
School of Environmental Design and Rural Development  
MSc (Planning) International Field  
The international field of the MSc. (Planning) program prepares you for research and professional practice in international rural planning and development. You will complete a set of core and electives courses combining applied theory and professional skills:

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The field of rural planning and development (International) is formally accredited by the Canadian Institute of Planners. The MSc (Planning) collaborates with the University of Guelph Masters in International Development Studies Program.

Over the past 10 years our students have conducted research in: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ghana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Latvia, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uganda, USA, Venezuela, Vietnam.

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Areas of Specialization  
Community and Social Development  
International Agricultural Development Planning  
Land Use Planning  
Environmental Management  
Resource Management  
Program Evaluation  
Impact Assessment  
Public Health Planning

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What do our students research?
Some recent thesis and major research paper topics

- Insurgent Planning and Rural Transformation: a comparison of Social Movements in Venezuela and Brazil
- Land Restitution in Colombia: Progressive policy and political opportunity
- Producing for a billion: An examination of the public procurement of rice and wheat in Haryana, India
- Aftercare services for persons who have survived sex trafficking: A case study in India
- Tobacco Multinationals: Examining the Impact of Corporate Social Responsibility Schemes on Poverty Outcomes in the Global South
- Corporate responsibility in a Globalizing World: Exploring stakeholder perceptions of mining in the Philippines
- CBNRM in Botswana: The failure of CBNRM for the Indigenous
- Post-development theory and its critics: A case study of small scale beekeeping development in Vietnam
- Is food aid undermining traditional systems of Turkana social relations? An exploration of cultural decline in Northern Kenya
- A journey in community assessment: Needs and assets in San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador
- Nepalese Highland Village-Level Adaptive Capacity Of Water Resources
- A social enterprise in the developing world? Social/business tension and benefits distribution in a community managed forest in Palo Seco, Mexico

Where do our graduates work?

- Program Consultant at World Renew, Tanzania
- Regional Field Representative at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Ethiopia
- Counsellor, Director of Cooperation, Embassy of Canada, Colombia
  - Head of Planning, Aga Khan Health Service, Tanzania
  - Development Specialist, UNICEF Kenya
- Executive Director at IDEA Central Foundation, Belgium
- Financial Inclusion Manager, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, Peru
  - Research Officer in DARA International, Spain
- Manager, Partnerships and Strategic Alliances - Africa, HarvestPlus, Uganda
  - Quality Manager, International Rescue Committee, DR Congo
- Manager, Aga Khan Planning and Building Service, Karachi, Pakistan
- Environmental and Social Impact Consultant, Acorn International, Houston
- Program Manager - Asia - Canadian Hunger Foundation, Ottawa
- Senior Program Manager, Food Assistance (Children) Plan Canada, Toronto