ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE)

The Graduate Certificate Program in Economic Development equips students with conceptual and methodological tools with which to pursue economic development activities in state, regional and local governments; non-profit and community organizations; private associations such as chambers of commerce; or private businesses and civic institutions engaged in economic development. It is administered in conjunction with the following graduate programs:

- Sociology
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Employment and Labor Relations
- Public Administration
- Urban Planning.

The Certificate is designed for students who wish to combine a graduate degree (master’s or doctoral) with a specialty in urban, regional and state economic development. It will be awarded only in conjunction with the completion of a graduate degree or to those already holding such a degree.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the admission standards of the Graduate School. Eligibility for this program is limited to persons holding a graduate degree from an accredited educational institution or those actively pursuing a graduate degree at Wayne State University. Applicants must submit a completed application form, personal statement of interest in the program, and Plan of Work.

Students must complete twelve credits in designated courses, including Core Area I, and courses (at least three credits each) from two of the Core Areas II, III, and IV. At least one course at the 7000 level must be elected, and at least one course (in addition to the Area I course) must be elected from outside the student’s graduate program.

Students in the certificate program must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0. Transfer of credit from other institutions may not be applied toward the credits required for the certificate. If a student is concurrently enrolled in a graduate degree program at the University, no more than nine credits from the certificate program may be applied toward that degree.

Academic Scholarship: All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Certificate is designed to be completed in 1 year.

For further information about this certificate program, contact the graduate advisor of the program in which you are enrolled or wish to enroll. Students who are not in a graduate program in applied sociology, business administration, economics, industrial relations, public administration, or urban planning, or who do not already possess a graduate degree in one of these areas, should contact the Department.

The Economic Development Graduate Certificate is designed to be completed in 1 year.

This program will cost $10,382.38 for in-state tuition and fees and $19,582.42 for out-of-state tuition and fees if completed within normal time. There may be additional costs for living expenses. These costs were accurate at the time of posting, but may have changed.

For more information about graduation rates, loan repayment rates, and post-enrollment earnings about this institution and other postsecondary institutions please click here: https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/.