GLOBAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Housed in the Department of Counselor Education, this interdisciplinary master’s degree program is designed for students who wish to engage in culturally-relevant volunteer work or paid employment in the realm of child and family assistance. It is affiliated with the United States Peace Corps as a partner school for their master’s international program. Requirements include one year of full-time instruction at UM, a significant period of time engaging in internship work in an applied intercultural setting, and a final professional paper or thesis. Internships will typically be 1-2 years and will involve work in a culture other than one’s own. Students participating in this program are expected to gain the following background and competencies:

• important interculturally-informed helping skills for working with youth, women, families and communities in culture other than their own
• a solid background in issues, concerns, and critiques regarding assistance and interventions across culture, both historically and currently
• the opportunity to pursue and participate in a significant field experience, working with an established helping agency in another culture or country

Undergraduate Minor

• Human and Family Development (catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/humanities-sciences/psychology/minor-human-family-development)