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Education

UC- San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy

December 2025

Master of Chinese Economic and Political Affairs, Economics Focus

Coursework: Statistics and Econometrics; Political economy and development; Microeconomics; Macroeconomic Data Analysis; Research Design; GIS and Remote Sensing; International Trade

Capstone project: Spatio-temporal analysis of Chinese overseas development projects in Africa

Arizona State University

December 2023

Bachelor of Arts, Global Studies, Minors in Chinese, Economics

ASU Chinese Flagship Program Capstone Year – intensive Mandarin language courses

Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa

Work Experience

UN International Organization for Migration - Rwanda

June 2024–December 2024

Policy Analysis Intern

- Prepared briefings for Government of Rwanda DGIE delegate for use in Global Compact on Migration Regional Review
- Monitored Mpox situation and submitted situation report to regional office, securing \$10,000 USD to improve health service delivery
- Assisted on a project to digitize trade tools and resources for informal cross-border traders and drafted proposal for Multi-Partner Joint Fund program with Government of Rwanda to counter trafficking

Institute for National Policy Research, Taipei

February 2023–May 2023

Intern

- Translated research content to improve accessibility for international audiences

City of Phoenix, Office of Mayor Kate Gallego

May 2022–August 2022

Intern

- Drafted and refined official mayoral proclamations
- Headed data projects to support office operations, monitor City Council proceedings, analyze potential policy shifts; delivered comprehensive briefings to senior advisers
- Managed constituent communications and resolved community concerns

Arizona State University

August 2020–August 2022

Student Worker II

- Procured materials and handled financial accounts for various labs, including journal entries, processing invoices, payment reconciliation, etc.

Front Office Aide

- Provided administrative support processing orders received and invoices, wrote journal entries, ensured accuracy with payment reconciliation, and other finance-related tasks
- Disbursed stipends and processed reimbursements

Skills

Computing: Statistical programming, econometric analysis in R; proficient in Microsoft Excel; spatial analysis in QGIS and ArcGIS; intermediate Stata, JavaScript, Python. Webscraping and text2data analysis, including natural language processing (NLP) for statistics and machine learning (ML). Data visualization abilities in R and Tableau.'

Languages: English (native); Mandarin Chinese (professional)