Global Development Studies

Get to know GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Global Development Studies (DEVS) is an exciting field that examines political, economic and cultural changes from the grassroots to the global. What distinguishes DEVS at Queen’s is how it overlaps with so many other disciplines such as Geography, Economics, Environmental Studies, History, Political Studies, Sociology and Gender Studies as well as the Queen’s Aboriginal Council to understand the nature of interactions between and within the countries of the North and the South. We examine issues such as poverty, cultural imperialism, human rights, social policy, technology, gender, labour, and trade relations.

Courses on Aboriginal communities in Canada further help students appreciate ‘development’ as a relationship rather than as a characteristic of particular places and people. DEVS also offers a unique study abroad opportunities such as a 4-week course taught at the University of Havana (Cuba) and individual work placements in development-oriented organizations in Canada and around the world.

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“Alice McVay, 2010 (BA, DEVS) and a recent graduate of the London School of Economics and Political Science, says that the DEVS program was the perfect fit for her because of its interdisciplinary nature and focus on social justice issues. “The program was challenging, but also rewarding,” she says. “I learned a lot about development studies both in the classroom and through study abroad opportunities.”

With a unique focus on development and social justice, DEVS at Queen’s is a great place to study global issues and develop the skills needed to make a positive impact on the world.”

Degree OPTIONS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor
Bachelor of Arts (General)

Queen’s ADMISSIONS

Students apply to Queen’s Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) website. Secondary School prerequisites include Six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements.

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Course HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the popular courses in DEVS include those about Canada such as Canada and the Third World, and an Introduction to Aboriginal Studies. Global-oriented courses that are student favourites are AIDS, Power, and Poverty, Labour and Global Development, Gender and Development, and Technology and Development. A very popular senior level course is the Work Placement in Development Studies which provides a first-hand experience working with an agency involved in international development, either in Canada or abroad, over a 10-20 week period.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global. That is a degree from Queen’s.

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### 1ST YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Take DEV 100.
- For details on plan requirements or thresholds, go to the Arts and Science website.
- Meet with the Undergraduate Chair for help.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen's Project on International Development, Queen's Amnesty International, Queen's Health Outreach, or Queen's Networking Events.
- See the Co-Curricular Opportunities Directory or AMS Clubs Directory for more info.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Queen's Half the Sky, OPIRG Kingston, Loving Spoonful, PeaceQuest Kingston, and Camp Outlook.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- The Queen’s University International Centre is your first stop to learn how to internationalize your degree or to leverage your existing cross-cultural experience.
- Attend weekly seminar series that highlight scholarship, political activism, and creative work from the Global South.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Grapple with program decisions. Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services library, such as Choosing a Career In International Development. For more information check out Career Cruising or the Queen’s Placement Coordinator for other exchange ideas.

### 2ND YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Take DEV 210 and 240.
- Shop around our related departments for over a hundred courses that count towards the DEVS plan.
- Get started on your language requirement.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEF or Work-Study.
- Consider taking more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars.
- Get involved in the DEVS Student Council and join the DSC on Facebook.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).
- Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Engineers Without Borders, Queen's Project on International Development, Queen's Health Outreach, and the Queen's International Affairs Association.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a 3rd year exchange through your faculty's International Office.
- Look into applying for an Independent Study course abroad. Meet with the DEVS Placement Coordinator for other exchange ideas.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services library, such as Choosing a Career In International Development. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. Find information about non-profits by checking out Who's Who in International Development.

### 3RD OR FINAL YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Try to complete all core courses (DEV 300 and 340) and the 6.0 unit language requirement.
- Apply for our summer offerings in Cuba (DEV 305) or work-study courses abroad (DEV 410/411 and DEV 420). Talk to a prof about doing an independent honours thesis or reading course on a specialized topic.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
- Follow up our course on "AIDS, Power and Poverty" by volunteering at HIV/AIDS Regional Services.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects.
- Connect your Career Services networking workshops.
- Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- Check QUC’s resources for ideas to go abroad, and volunteer or attend one of their events.
- Take eligible courses during the fall semester at Fudan University. Apply for DEV 305 (spring in Havana).

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. Contact Career Services to find resources, obtain transcripts, or arrange for an interview.
- Get help thinking about grad school from Career Services. Explore international scholarship opportunities for graduate studies.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- Register in our 4th year seminar courses (two 3.0 unit required). Work on a thesis or reading course to prepare for future graduate studies.
- Apply to graduate on SOLUS.

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Publish your work with peer-reviewed journals (The Undercurrent, Politicus).
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships - check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Association for the Study of International Development and the Canadian Society for International Health.
- Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Global Development.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUC’s intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.
- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

- Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions. Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario. Apply for international scholarships for grad schools or paid internships (Aga Khan Foundation).

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**Caution:** This map is meant as a guide to provide suggestions throughout your university career. The activities, resources, and careers mentioned are possibilities – you are not restricted to them and you don’t have to follow this exact timeline. Every person (including you!) will find their own unique path through their degree at Queen’s and beyond.

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**C O N S I D E R A 1 2 - 1 6 M O N T H Q U I P I N T E R N S H I P**

- Where could I go after graduation?
  - Agriculture
  - Business development
  - Community development
  - Corporate training
  - Disaster relief
  - Ecological restoration
  - Education
  - Ethics
  - Fair trade
  - Food security
  - Foreign affairs
  - Fundraising
  - Health administration
  - Community and public health
  - Human rights
  - Immigration
  - International development
  - Law
  - Radio and TV Journalism
  - Editor
  - Policy analysis and development
  - Public Health
  - Public service, policy and administration
  - Refugee settlement
  - Research
  - Social Work
  - Tourism and trade
  - Translation
  - Urban and regional planning

- *Some careers may require additional training*

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MAJOR MAP

How to use this map
• Got questions about careers and classes?
• Feeling a little lost or overwhelmed by choices?
• Wondering what you are “supposed” to be doing?

Use this map to plan for success in five overlapping areas of career and academic life. Each map helps you explore possibilities, set goals and track your accomplishments. To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Don’t stress if you haven’t done all of the suggested activities. The map is not a prescription – it’s a tool for finding your own way at Queen’s.

Getting what you need to succeed in the workplace

WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?
In a recent survey from the Canadian Council of Chief Executives the top 6 skills sought by employers were:
1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

HOW DO I GET THE SKILLS I NEED?
It is important to develop a balanced skill set – many of which you will develop during your studies. To stand out, take advantage of experiential learning through the multitude of clubs and activities in and around Queen’s. Check out the Get Relevant Experience section of this map.

WHAT CAN I LEARN STUDYING GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AT QUEEN’S?
• Awareness of the key issues in global development, including indigenous peoples’ struggles
• Perspective on Canada’s historical roles in an unequal global system
• Research skills - conduct research using databases, academic sources and international media
• Analytical skills - analyze the origins and persistence of global inequalities and critically assess proposed solutions
• Oral and written communication – write essays and produce work for public dissemination
• Ability to examine contemporary development institutions and evaluate the ethical dilemmas they face
• Introduction to a new language
• Resource and time management

WHAT MAKES ME SPECIAL?
No one will get exactly the same experience as you. Take the time to think about what skills you have developed to be able to best explain them with compelling examples in future applications to employers and further education. For help with this, check out the Career Services skills workshop.