

Global Development Studies

MAJOR MAP



How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the [My Major Map](#) tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.

Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

- 1 People skills
- 2 Communication skills
- 3 Problem-solving skills
- 4 Analytical abilities
- 5 Leadership skills
- 6 Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen's, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the [Career Services skills workshop](#).

What can I learn studying GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES?

- 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 to conduct research using databases, academic sources and international media
- Analytical skills to analyze the origins and persistence of global inequalities and critically assess proposed solutions
- Oral and written communication to write essays and produce work for public dissemination
- Interpersonal and cross-cultural skills
- Ability to examine contemporary development institutions and evaluate the ethical dilemmas they face
- Introduction to a new language
- Resource and time management

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top **Intelligent Communities** across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the **GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS** in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city 'the happiest place on the planet'. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the **freshwater sailing capital of the world**, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you're attending school? Queen's has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be 'fresh made daily'.



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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. Its aim is to understand the nature of interactions between and within the countries of the Global 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 **unique study abroad opportunities** such as a 4-week course taught at the University of Havana (Cuba) that is a field study course. Students can also choose to do an individual work placement in a development-oriented organization in Canada or internationally.

With an internationally recognized faculty from a variety of academic and experiential backgrounds, DEVS emphasizes the need to think about development in a holistic and relational manner. Our world is a complicated place, with complex inter-cultural issues. Students in DEVS become informed global citizens ready to lead positive social change in Canada and abroad.



The intersection of many subjects - all with the purpose to craft positive social change both in Canada and abroad.

Queen's ADMISSION

Students apply to Queen's Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre) website ([ouac.on.ca](#)). 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. Visit [queensu.ca/admission](#) for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen's.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor in Global Development Studies
Internship option available
Online Bachelor of Arts (General)

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; Business and Development; Global Environmental Transformations; and, Technology and Development.

A Year to CHOOSE

We often say that our students are like explorers. In Arts and Science, your first year is all about making choices and exploring new paths. Whether you are in Arts, Science or Computing, you will choose your courses from a wide variety of subjects as you settle into university life and become familiar with new styles of learning. By the end of your first year, you will have discovered your areas of interest, passion and success, and will then declare your major. Your first year, whether you consider it to be undeclared, undecided or simply a time for exploration, is bound to be a year full of adventure.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR



Want to enhance your degree?
Consider a certificate in **International Studies** or explore other **certificates available.**



CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone's abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online **My Major Map** tool.

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