### 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 peoples. 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.

### 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? Kingston 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’.

### 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**

### Succeed in the workplace

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills list below 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.

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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.

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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.

**Get started thinking about the future now**

Where do you want to go after your degree? Hailing tentative goals (like career 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.

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**Degree PLANS**

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

Online Bachelor of Arts (General)

**Course HIGHLIGHTS**

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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year take DEVS 100 and consider taking an introductory language course. Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

In second year take DEVS 230 and 240. Shop around related departments for over a hundred courses that count towards the DEVS Plan. Get started on completing your 6.0 units of the DEVS language requirement. If interested in the environment take DEVS 310, or in the Indigenous Studies minor, take DEVS 220 and DEVS 221.

Try to complete all core courses (DEVS 300 and 340) and the 6.0 unit language requirement. Apply for our summer offerings in Cuba (DEVS 305) or work study courses abroad (DEVS 418/411 and DEVS 420). Talk to a prof about doing an independent honours thesis or reading course on a specialized topic or apply for DEVS 480 Re-Indigenizing People and Environments.

Did you know that students who complete an honours thesis can graduate with a Licentiate of Arts in International Development? The DEVS 480 course is designed to provide the skills and experience needed to undertake a professional thesis. For more information, contact Professor Elizabeth Smith at esmith@arts.queensu.ca

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 Baking Action on Climate Change.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF).

Consider taking more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Get involved in the DEVS Department Student Council and join the DSC on Facebook.

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s DEVS Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Association for the Study of International Development and the Canadian Society for International Health.

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.

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GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Attend weekly seminar series such as Studies in National and International Development (SNID), that highlight scholarship, political activism, and creative work from the Global South. Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

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 the International Programs Office.

Look into applying for an Independent Work Study course abroad. Meet with the DEVS Placement Coordinator for other exchange ideas.

Consider a 12-16 month QUIP Internship after graduation?

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International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling 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 by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn. Find information on non-profits by checking out Who’s Who in International Development.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests like the LSAT or GMAT and get help thinking about grad school from Career Services. Explore international scholarship opportunities for graduate studies.

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).

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
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Public Health
Public service, policy and administration
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Research
Social Work
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Translation
Urban and regional planning

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