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.

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.

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

That is a degree from Queen’s. QUartsci.com
Global Development Studies MAJOR MAP

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

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

1ST YEAR

- 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.

2ND YEAR

- In second year take DEVS 230 and 240. Shop around our 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 210, or in the Indigenous Studies minor, take DEVS 220 and DEVS 221.
- Please see the Academic Calendar to ensure you are taking the correct courses. Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

3RD YEAR

- 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 300) or work-study courses abroad (DEVS 416/411 and DEVS 420). Talk to a prof about doing an independent honors thesis or reading course on a specialized topic or apply for DEVS 480 Re-Indigenizing People and Environments.
- By third year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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

**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

1ST YEAR

- 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 Backing Action on Climate Change.
- See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

2ND YEAR

- 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 Department Student Council and join the DSC on Facebook.

3RD YEAR

- 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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Association for the Study of International Development and the Canadian Society for International Health.
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship.
- Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

1ST YEAR

- Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as Queen’s Half The Sky, DIANA Kingston, Loving Spoonsful, PeaceQuest Kingston and Camp Outlook.

2ND YEAR

- 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.

3RD YEAR

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

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- 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**

1ST YEAR

- 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 QLIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

2ND YEAR

- 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.

3RD YEAR

- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.
- Take eligible courses during the fall semester at Fudan University. Apply for DEVS 305 (spring in Havana).

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
- Consider doing an exchange in your final year. Apply to faculty and/or external organizations for help.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

1ST YEAR

- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

2ND YEAR

- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services library, such as Choosing a Career in Internal 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.

3RD YEAR

- 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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- 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 GSIRF and OSS 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
- 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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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

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.

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’.