

# Global Development Studies

Our unique interdisciplinary program connects big-picture thinking with problem-solving approaches to open a wide range of career choices and further study options. Through dynamic in-class and online courses, dedicated instructors, and multiple opportunities for international engagement and work-study experiences, DEVS students gain the specialist knowledge and tangible skills they need to help make the world a better place. Come to DEVS, engage the world!

## TOP 3 REASONS to study GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

**1** Students graduate with a unique set of skills which will enable them to transition seamlessly into further studies or a diverse range of careers. Our graduates enter the work force with strong critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills.

**2** Students develop a comprehensive understanding of the driving forces of social, economic, and environmental changes, while learning to creatively search for innovative solutions.

**3** Experience-based learning opportunities such as our DEVS 410 Work Study internship course refine practical skills for the workforce. Courses like DEVS 363 enhance cross-cultural understanding and communications skills while helping students understand the role of history and power in shaping our global world today.

## Alumni Story

"My experience in DEVS was truly one of a kind. As I pursue my postgraduate studies and work towards a career in global governance, I am grateful for the strong foundation in critical, intersectional thinking that I acquired through DEVS, which helps me bring forward an informed and development-focused perspective on the world."

- Catherine Despatie, BAH 2021, MGA 2023

## ALUMNI JOBS

**22%** of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**18%** of alumni work in **NON-PROFIT**

**15%** of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT**

**10%** of alumni work in **MARKETING**

**2024-25 Plan Thresholds**

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit [quartsci.com/planselection](https://quartsci.com/planselection)

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the [Experiential Learning website](#). You can also reach out to the team directly at [asc.el@queensu.ca](mailto:asc.el@queensu.ca).

add a **CERTIFICATE**

Academic Writing

Animation Theory and Practice

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Mohawk Language and Culture

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen's.

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# Global Development Studies MAJOR MAP



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

## 1ST YEAR

## 2ND YEAR

## 3RD YEAR

## 4TH YEAR

### GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Global Development Studies along with other introductory courses by enrolling in Development Studies in a Global Perspectives and Canada in the World, which may be prerequisites for DEVS\_Eligible courses. Consider taking a language course.

Visit [SASS \(Student Academic Support Services\)](#) and the Writing Centre for some help.

Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take [ASCX 150](#) and develop future-ready skills!

Further explore the discipline of Global Development Studies by completing the second year foundational courses, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Indigenous Languages and Cultures. If you are thinking of seeking an internship as part of our DEVS410/411 Work-Study Placement courses, enrol in DEVS 210: Development in Practice.

An opportunity to start grouping courses in specific areas of interest, or keep your topic course selection more interdisciplinary to explore the many areas of Global Development Studies. Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#) or the [DEVS Academic Programs Assistant](#) early in the academic year to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to [Graduate School](#) or to your future career path.

Run your academic advisement report (AAR) on SOLUS to ensure you have met your degree requirements.

### 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 Backing Action on Climate Change](#). See the [AMS Clubs Directory](#) or the [Queen's Get Involved](#) page for more ideas.

Look into [summer jobs](#) by talking to the department or Career Services about work through [SWEP](#) 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](#) and Instagram.

If interested, apply for an [Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship \(USSRF\)](#). Applications are due by March 1st.

Consider applying to do a 12-16 month [QUIP internship](#) between your third and fourth year.

Build on your learning in DEVS 250: "Environmental Transformations" by volunteering at [Sustainable Kingston](#).

Publish your work with peer-reviewed journals like [The Observer](#) or [Politcus](#).

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest such as OceanPath Fellowship or Aga Khan Youth Internship. 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 ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as [Queen's Advocates for Women's Global Rights](#), [OPIRG Kingston](#), [Loving Spoonful](#), [PeaceQuest Kingston](#), [HARS](#), and [Camp Outlook](#).

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](#).

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.

Consider joining professional associations like [Canadian Association for the Study of International Development](#) and the [Canadian Association for Global Health](#).

Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Global Development.

### GET ENGAGED 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 [QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate](#) and research possible Visa requirements for travel abroad.

Start thinking about [study abroad](#). Apply in January for a third year exchange through the [International Programs Office](#). If you are accepted into an exchange program connect with the DEVS Academic Programs Assistant to plan for your core-courses.

Meet with the DEVS [Placement Coordinator](#) to discuss exchange ideas and DEVS 410 (Work-Study Placement) options.

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 in Shanghai, China](#). Take the required prerequisite course of DEVS 363 if you are interested in an exchange to WITS University in South Africa. Apply for [DEVS 307](#) (spring in Havana) in October.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an [International Student Advisor](#).

### GET CAREER READY

Grappling with program decisions? Go to [Majors Night](#) or get some help [exploring career options](#) from Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest in the Career Services Resource Area. For more information check out [Career Cruising](#) or find and connect with alumni on [LinkedIn](#).

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).

CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

CONSIDER A 12 MONTH QCA:K APPRENTICESHIP

### Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in Global Development Studies can equip you with:

- 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
- Resource and time management

### Career Possibilities

A degree in Global Development Studies can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's degree. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Agriculture
- Community development
- Disaster relief
- Ecological restoration
- Fair trade
- Immigration
- Public Health
- Tourism and trade

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

### 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.

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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. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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# QUIP QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## START DATES

in May, September, or January

## POSITIONS

are paid and full-time

## WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months long

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

## ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

## WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

## SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact [quip@queensu.ca](mailto:quip@queensu.ca) or visit the [Program Website](#).

## Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

