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!

REASONS to study GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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.

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

add a CERTIFICATE

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Mohawk Language and Culture

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

QUartsci.com/certs

2025-26 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

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

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 DEGREE (SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE

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| 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. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan Options. Stay on track with your academics. Visit SASS (Student Academic Success Services) for expert support and resources. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills! | Deepen your understanding of Global Development Studies by completing the second-year core courses: DEVS 230 and DEVS 240. Continue building a strong foundation in the discipline by enrolling in additional key courses that explore the intersections of development with: indigenous studies (DEVS 221), environment (DEVS 250), gender (DEVS 260, health (DEVS 275), global engagement (DEVS 280). | 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. If you are considering a Specialization in DEVS, enroll in DEVS 300 and connect with the Placement Coordinator to learn more about your work-study placement opportunities. Meet with an Academic Advisor or the DEVS Academic Programs Assistant early in the academic year to make sure you are on track with your course planning. |
| 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 the Climate Crisis. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas. | Look into <u>summer jobs</u> by talking to the department or Career Services about work through <u>SWEP</u> or <u>Work-Study</u> . Consider taking more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Get involved in the DEVS Department Student Council and join the DSC on <u>Instagam</u> . | 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. |
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| GET ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY | Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as <u>OPIRG</u> <u>Kingston</u> , <u>Loving Spoonful</u> , <u>Trellis</u> , and <u>Camp</u> <u>Outlook</u> . | 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 through LinkedIn. Check out Career Services networking workshops. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC. |
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| 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 Awareness 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. |
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| 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 | Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to |

and connect with alumni on LinkedIn.

UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Find impactful work that aligns with your

values using the Queen's Career Guide to the

4TH YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to <u>Graduate School</u> or to your future career path.

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

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.

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.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an <u>International Student Advisor</u>.

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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take any required tests (like the LSAT or

GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad

international scholarship opportunities for

School from Career Services. Explore

graduate studies.

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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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

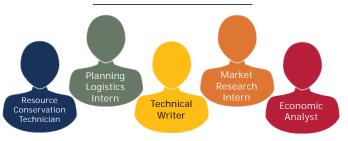
- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry
- Explore a career path, earn a salary, and build workplace skills

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

WHY OUIP?

- 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 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

th more closer than you think 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 London / 7 hrs the experience of a CANADA Oueen's Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally Halifax / 2 hrs recognized San Francisco / 5.5 hrs among Denver/3 hrs New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs

Bermuda / 2 hrs