

# 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 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 an optional **CERTIFICATE**

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

Law

Business

[QUartsci.com/certs](http://QUartsci.com/certs)

## 2026-27 Plan Thresholds

### 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

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](http://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!

# Global Development Studies MAJOR MAP



BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



## 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

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.

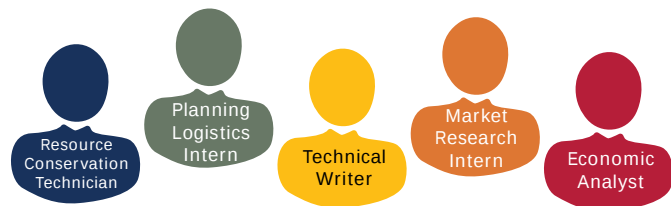
## ELIGIBILITY

- 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 QUIP?

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

*We're closer than you think.*

