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!

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

2023-24 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? 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.

That is a degree from Queen’s.

queensu.ca/devs
2023-2024

Global Development Studies

Bachelor of Arts (Honours): Major, Joint Honours, Minor

### 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.
3RD YEAR

Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year. Career Services networking workshops can help you have 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.

Consider a 12-16 month QCA:K Apprenticeship

What will I learn?
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

Where can I go?
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:

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RD YEAR

opportunity to start grouping courses specific areas of interest, or keep your academic advisor or the DEVS Academic Programs Assistant 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.

4TH 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. Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take ASCX 400 and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

Publish your work with peer-reviewed journals like The Observer or Politicus. 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 International Student Advisor.

What can I do after graduation?
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Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, 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.