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Global Development Studies

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GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

1ST YEAR

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.

2ND YEAR

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, enroll in DEVS 210: Development in Practice. Attend Degree x, in the fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

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, Queen's Backing Action on Climate Change, or see the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations such as Queen's Advocates for Women's Global Rights (OPPE), Kingston Loving Spoonful, PeaceQuest, Kingston MAPE, and Camp Outlook.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Attend weekly seminar series such as Studies in National and International Development (SMI), that highlight scholarship, political activism, and creative work from the Global South. Prepare for work or study in a multi-cultural environment by taking DEVS' Intercultural Competency Certificate and research possible Visa requirements for travel abroad.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Makers Night or get some help exploring career options from Career Services.

Explore different areas of interest by reading books in the Career Services library, such as Choosing a Career in International Development. For more information check out Career Counselling, or find and connect with alumni on LinkedIn.

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.

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:

- 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.
Global Development Studies

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.

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.