With dynamic courses and dedicated instructors, DEVS empowers students to engage the pressing global challenges that define our age. Our unique interdisciplinary program connects big-picture thinking with problem-solving approaches to open a wide range of career choices and further study options. Alongside diverse in-class and online course options, we provide opportunities for international experiential learning and work-study experiences. Upon completing their DEVS degree, our students have gained the specialist knowledge and tangible skills they need to realize their commitment to making the world a better place.

**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**

**ALUMNI JOBS**

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    - 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 workforce with strong critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills.
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    - Students develop a comprehensive understanding of the driving forces of social, economic, and environmental changes, while learning to creatively search for innovative solutions.
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    - Experience-based learning opportunities such as our DEVS 410 Work Study internship course refine practical skills for the workforce. Courses like DEVS 307 and 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.

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**2021-22 major 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

**add a CERTIFICATE to your degree**

- Data Analytics
- Disability and Physical Activity
- Employment Relations
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity
- French for Professionals
- Geographic Information Science
- Global Action and Engagement
- Indigenous Languages and Cultures
- International Studies
- Media Studies
- Sexual and Gender Diversity
- Urban Planning Studies

**Alumni Story**

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That is a degree from Queen’s.

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### 1ST 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, 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.

**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.

**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as Queen's Advocates for Women's Global Rights, OPFRG Kingston, Leave Spoonful, PeaceQuest Kingston, HARS, and Camp Outlook.

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.

**GET THINKING GLOBALLY**

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night 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 and extracurriculars. Get involved in the DEVS Department Student Council and join the DSC on Facebook and Instagram.

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.

**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

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

**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 DEV5 210. Development in Practice.

Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

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**3RD YEAR**

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 Program Assistant early in the academic year to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

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 DEV5 250: Environmental Transformations* by volunteering at Sustainable Kingston.

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.

**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.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills.

Meet with the DEVS Placement Coordinator to discuss exchange ideas and DEV5 410 (Work-Study Placement) options.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

**CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP**

Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Association for the Study of International Development and the Canadian Society for International Health.

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

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, and networking workshops.

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**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.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone's abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.

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MAJOR MAP

Why study in Kingston?
For more than 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.

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.

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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