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 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.

**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 Story**

“DEVS has informed so much about my current career path and my initial experiences in the legal field. Aside from providing me with the tools to think critically and deconstruct certain positions and arguments, I have retained my focus on DEVS issues and my desire to make a positive impact in an informed manner.”

- Victoria Moore, BAH 2011, JD

**2022-23 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](http://quartsci.com/planselection)

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen’s.

[queensu.ca/devs](http://queensu.ca/devs)
**Global Development Studies MAJOR MAP**

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**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.

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**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 your DEVS410/411 Work Study Placement courses, enroll in DEVS 210: Development in Practice. Attend DEVS 410 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 Programs Assistant early in the academic year to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

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**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.

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**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- 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.
- Consider taking more responsibility within different clubs or 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.

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**GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as Queen’s Advocates for Women’s Global Rights, ORPR, Kingston Loving Spoonful, PeaceQuest, Kingston, Haiti, and Camp Outlook.
- Attend weekly seminar series such as Studies in National and International Development (SNID), that highlight scholarship, political activism, and creative works from the Global South.
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking Queen’s Intercultural Competency Certificate and research possible Visa requirements for travel abroad.
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved in local projects or by practicing or improving your language skills.

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**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.
- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship by talking to the QUIP Workshop.
- Build on your learning in DEVS 250: Environmental Transformations by volunteering at Sustainable Kingston.
- 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.
- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF). Applications are due by March 1st.
- Consider applying to the DSC, 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.
- 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. Take the required prerequisite course of DEVS 363 if you are interested in an exchange to WITS University in South Africa for DEVS 332 (Spring in Havana) in October.
- Publish your work with peer-reviewed journals like The Observer or Politicus. Investigate research 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 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.
- 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 for the fall in IMMRC and DEVS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario. Apply for international scholarships for grad schools or grad internships (Aga Khan Foundation).

**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

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

- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help exploring career options from Career Services.
- 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 Counselling, or find and connect with alumni on LinkedIn.
- Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services. Explore International Scholarship opportunities for graduate studies.
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**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

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How do I 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.

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.