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. On 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.

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 a further studies or a diverse range of careers. Our graduates enter the workforce 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

2020-21 Major Thresholds

- 2.8cGPA Automatic Acceptance
- 1.9cGPA Pending List

“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


That is a degree from Queen’s.

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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.

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, OPIRG Kingston, Loving Spoonful, PeaceQuest Kingston, HARS, and Camp Outlook.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

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.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

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Global Development Studies

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1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

3RD 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. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

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 or extracurriculars. Get involved in the DEVS Department Student Council and join the DSC on Facebook.

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.

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group.

Start thinking about study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office. Connect with the DEVS undergrad assistant if you are accepted into an exchange program to plan for your core-courses.

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

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 by finding and connecting 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 some help with thinking about graduate studies.

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1D YEAR

- Opportunity to start grouping courses in specific areas of interest, or keep your topic course selection flexible to explore the many areas of Global Development Studies. Meet with an academic Advisor or the DEVS Undergraduate Student Advisor early in the academic year to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses.

3RD YEAR

- Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
- Low up your course on DEVS 250: Environmental Research by volunteering at Sustainable Housing.
- Targeted networking with alumni working in areas of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. Check out Career Services working workshops.
- Incent with professors at events or workshops led by the DSC.
- Your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or refining your language skills.
- 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 exchange to WITS University in South Africa.
- Apply for DEVS 307 (spring in Havana) in October.

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 on SOLUS to ensure you have met your degree requirements.
- 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 Society for International 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 in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario. Apply for international scholarships for grad schools or paid internships (Aga Khan Foundation).

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.

* 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.
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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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.