Global Development Studies

DEVS is a globally oriented and interdisciplinary degree program that empowers students to analyze the complex social, economic and environmental changes occurring across our interconnected planet. To open up a wide range of career choices and options for further study, the program connects big-picture thinking with problem-solving approaches required to address urgent global challenges. This unique combination gives students the essential skill sets needed to realize their commitment to making the world a better place.

10% of alumni work in MARKETING
18% of alumni work in NON-PROFIT
22% of alumni work in EDUCATION
15% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT
10% of alumni work in MARKETING

TOP 3 REASONS to study GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

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 305 enhance cross-cultural understanding and communications skills while helping students understand the role of history and power in shaping our global world today.

DEVS-M-BAH Major (Arts) Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- DEVS 100/6.0
- 6.0 units of DEVS_Languages
- 18.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- DEVS 220/3.0
- DEVS 230/3.0
- DEVS 240/3.0
- DEVS 250/3.0
- DEVS 260/3.0
- 3.0 units of DEVS at the 200 level or above
- 3.0 units of DEVS, DEVS_Eligible at the 200 level or above
- 3.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- DEVS 300/3.0
- DEVS 340/3.0
- 3.0 units from DEVS at the 200 level or above
- 3.0 units from DEVS at the 300 level or above
- 3.0 units from DEVS, DEVS_Eligible at the 300 level or above
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- 6.0 units from DEVS 490/3.0
- 18.0 units from DEVS at the 200 level or above
- 6.0 units from DEVS at the 300 level or above
- 6.0 units from DEVS, DEVS_Eligible at the 300 level or above
- 15.0 units of electives and/or minor

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: Quartsiz.com/academic-calendar

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

2018-19 thresholds

2.8cGPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
1.9cGPA PENDING LIST

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Faculty of Arts and Science

Note that if you were admitted to the Plan prior to May 2019 your requirements are slightly different.

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit Quartsiz.com
GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

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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.
See the back page for specific courses to consider.
Attended Majors Night in the winter term to learn more about DEVS Plan 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, or Queen’s Racking 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 Half The Sky, DPIRG Kingston, Loving Spoonful, PeaceQuest Kingston, HARS, Sustainable Kingston, and Camp Outlook.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
Attend weekly seminar series such as Studies in National and International Development (SNIOD), that highlight scholarship, political activism, and creative work from the Global South. Prepare for work or study in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIP’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible Visa requirements.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
Grapple with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of Global Development Studies, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Indigenous Languages and Cultures. Attend Degree 3 in the fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.
Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

3RD YEAR

An opportunity to start grouping courses in specific areas of interest, or keep your course selection more interdisciplinary to explore the many areas of Global Development Studies. Meet with an Academic Advisor or the DEVS Undergraduate Assistant to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year — for some ideas, see the back page.

4TH OR FINAL 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. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

What will I learn?
A degree in Global Development Studies can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

• 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 skills.

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
• Eastern 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.