GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

DEVS is a globally oriented and interdisciplinary degree program that empowers students to analyse 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.

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 work force with strong critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving skills. Students develop a comprehensive understanding of the driving forces of social, economic, and environmental changes, while learning to creatively search for innovative solutions. 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.

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

"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

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

2.8cGPA   AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
1.9cGPA   PENDING LIST

2018-19 thresholds

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit QUarts.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.
  - Attend 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 Bucking 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, OPGs Kingston, Leving Spoonful, PeaceQuest Kingston, HARS, Sustainable Kingston, and Camp Outlook.

- **Get Thinking Globally**
  - Attend weekly seminar series such as Studies in National and International Development (SIND), 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.

#### 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 + 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).**

- **Publish your work with peer-reviewed journals like The Undercurrent or Politicus.**
- **Consider a 12-16 month internship** 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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#### What will I learn?
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- Awareness of the key issues in global development, including Indigenous Peoples’ struggles
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- 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.

#### What can I do?
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- **Apply for the fall for SSHRC and OGUS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.**
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### Course Map

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