

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Departmental Notes

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Overview

Global Development Studies is an interdisciplinary degree program that empowers students to better understand and shape the driving forces of change in our interconnected world. To open up a wide range of career choices and options for further study in Canada and internationally, the program connects big-picture analysis with problem-solving approaches based on deep empirical knowledge. This unique combination gives students skill sets that help them realize their commitment to making the world a better place. Through careful analysis of contemporary challenges in the fields of poverty and livelihoods, cross-cultural communication, environmental sustainability, human rights, and indigenous studies, we help students appreciate development as a relationship rather than as a characteristic of particular places and people.

The Department offers Major (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/global-development-studies/global-development-studies-major-arts-ba-honours/>), Medial (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/global-development-studies/global-development-studies-medial-arts-ba-honours/>), and Minor (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/global-development-studies/global-development-studies-minor-arts/>) courses of study. We are an interdisciplinary department, working closely with the Departments of Geography (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/geography-planning/>), Environmental Studies (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/environmental-studies/>), History (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/history/>), Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/languages-literatures-cultures/>), Political Studies (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/political-studies/>), Sociology (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/sociology/>), Economics (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/economics/>), and Gender Studies (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/gender-studies/>) as well as the Queen's Aboriginal Council (<https://www.queensu.ca/inclusive/content/aboriginal-council/>). Students enter the program in second year and will follow a 200-level curriculum focused on foundational courses that establish the key building blocks for development studies as a field. Topic courses at the 300-level facilitate a broadening of the perspectives and a deepening of knowledge. 400-level courses for Major (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/global-development-studies/global-development-studies-major-arts-ba-honours/>) and Medial (<https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/global-development-studies/global-development-studies-medial-arts-ba-honours/>) students offer the opportunity to specialize in seminar settings led by leading experts in the field.

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Special Study Opportunities

DEVS 306 Cuban Culture and Society I DEVS 307 Cuban Culture and Society II Havana

Cuban culture and Society I and II courses, part of an exchange agreement between Queen's and the University of Havana, have been offered since 2008. Each is a 3.0 unit undergraduate course. DEVS 306 takes place on Queen's campus during the winter term (January-April). DEVS 307 begins at Queen's after the April exam period with a four-day predeparture session and continues for two weeks at the University of Havana in Cuba. DEVS 306 is a prerequisite for DEVS 307 (the Havana companion course), but DEVS 306 can also be taken on its own.

The aim is to introduce students to some of the main events and highlights of Cuban society, history, politics, and culture, with a focus on the period from the Cuban revolution (1959)



to the present. DEVS 306 combines readings, film screenings, and active classroom discussions. In DEVS 307 in Havana, the instructors are drawn from the University of Havana faculty as well as practicing artists, filmmakers, and musicians. Enrolment in DEVS 307 is through an application process. Ancillary fee is estimated to be \$3200 for travel costs. Course application forms are available through the Global Development Studies Department, <https://www.queensu.ca/devs/undergraduate-program/international-study-program-cuba> (<https://www.queensu.ca/devs/undergraduate-program/international-study-program-cuba/>).

These courses have been offered annually since 2008 as DEVS 305/6.0 and were renumbered to DEVS 306/3.0 and DEVS 307/3.0 in May 2020. This short video created by a former student in 2020 contains interviews with past students who explain their experience in Havana. To watch the video, click the link below or copy and paste the following link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/ehUoAgijoWA> (<https://youtu.be/ehUoAgijoWA%20i/>)

DEVS 306 Cuban Culture and Society I Units: 3.00

This course introduces students to Cuban society and culture. The focus is on the period from the Cuban revolution (1959) to the present. Students will examine some of the main events and highlights of Cuban history, politics and culture in this era. This is a prerequisite for DEVS 307 Cuban Culture and Society II, held in Havana.

LEARNING HOURS 120(36L;84P)

Requirements: Prerequisite Level 3 or above and registration in an Arts and Science Plan. Exclusion A maximum of 6.0 units from DEVS 305; DEVS 306; DEVS 307.

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

DEVS 307 Cuban Culture and Society II Havana Units: 3.00

An experiential learning course that takes place in Havana, in collaboration with U of Havana. Begins with pre-departure sessions at Queen's followed by two weeks in Havana. Havana instructors include professors, musicians, filmmakers, artists. Havana site visits include museums, art schools, organic gardens, galleries, medical schools, theatres. NOTE Students are expected to pay an ancillary fee for travel and accommodation while in Havana. Estimated costs \$3200.00. Students are expected to attend pre-departure orientation prior to leaving for Havana. Students must apply to take this course.

LEARNING HOURS 120 (120Oc).

Requirements: Prerequisite DEVS 306. Exclusion A maximum of 6.0 units from DEVS 305; DEVS 306; DEVS 307.

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

Independent Work Study Abroad Program: DEVS 410 Work Study Placement in Development Studies and DEVS 411 Post-Placement Seminar in Development Studies

One of the most attractive features of the Global Development Studies program at Queen's is the opportunity it affords students to complete a placement in a development context and get hands-on field experience for credit. Many of our students maintain that their placement is the highlight of their academic career. The experience-based learning within a DEVS 410 Work Study Placement in Development Studies internship courses refines practical skills for the workplace and enhances cross-cultural understanding and communication skills while helping students understand the role of history and power in shaping the global world. Students have travelled to places such as Bangladesh, Bolivia, China, Costa Rica, Laos, Ghana; have worked with organizations such as United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Oxfam, Shastri, Polaris Institute, World Bank, Canada World Youth, SOS Children's Village, Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity; and have been engaged with projects as diverse as AIDS education, land erosion prevention, human rights, and new immigrants to Canada.

The placement itself (6.0 units) usually takes place over the summer months following completion of the third year of study but requires pre-departure training in the Winter Term. These units are not considered complete until the co-requisite Post-Placement Seminar (3.0 units) is completed in the following Fall Term.

Enrolment in the DEVS 410 Work Study Placement in Development Studies and DEVS 411 Post-Placement Seminar in Development Studies program is through an application process. Application forms are available through Global Development Studies Department, www.queensu.ca/devs/ (<http://www.queensu.ca/devs/>). Very limited funds are available through an application process to support internships, but in general, students are responsible for all costs.

Summer Semester at the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

DEVS has partnered with the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa to offer a six-week summer semester abroad taking place from mid July through August. This unique study-abroad opportunity at a world-class university gives students the chance to choose two seminar-level courses on topics covering diverse aspects of contemporary African society and development. In addition, there is also a guided series of weekly cultural activities in-and-around the city of Johannesburg with Queen's and South



African instructors. Lastly, there is a weekly reading course with the other students on South African literature.

Students earn a total of 9.0 DEVS undergraduate credits for successfully completing the Summer Semester. Enrolment in the Summer Semester requires students to have taken DEVS 363 Contemporary Southern Africa: Development Trends and Challenges or permission of the department. Ancillary fee is estimated to be \$1500 for the programme fee and accommodation. Accommodation is provided in a secure, self-catering centre on campus. Food, flight, and transportation costs are not included, and students are required to make sure they have appropriate health insurance. Applications are open to third year and above students in good standing and are due in early January. The relevant forms will be made available through the Global Development Studies Department website in December <http://www.queensu.ca/devs> (<http://www.queensu.ca/devs/>)

Semester in Shanghai

Courses taken in the Queen's Semester in Shanghai program offered through the International Programs Office are pre-approved as option courses in DEVS Plans.

<http://www.queensu.ca/ipo/outgoing-students/semester-shanghai> (<http://www.queensu.ca/ipo/outgoing-students/semester-shanghai/>)

Global Action and Engagement Certificate (GAEN)

The Global Action and Engagement certificate is a new program bringing together the Department of Global Development Studies, Arts and Science Online within the Faculty of Arts and Science, and partners in the School of International Development and Global Studies at the University of Ottawa. The program design is flexible to meet the needs of a wide range of learners, from those seeking preparation for work overseas to those who have participated in activities such as global service learning, international experiential learning, volunteer abroad and community-engagement fieldwork and practicums, and seeking formal education or training in global development to better understand the contexts.

The certificate will comprise of 18.0 units of undergraduate courses, including 15.0 units of core courses and 3.0 units selected from a number of option courses. Global Engagement (DEVS 280 Global Engagement) is the culminating course centered on active, collaborative, and self-reflexive modes of learning. It will lead students to reflect upon and unpack previous experiential learning activities that have taken place in the context of global development, while preparing them for future global engagement. Note only 9.0 units from the GAEN certificate (<https://queensu-ca->

public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/global-development-studies/global-action-engagement-certificate/) can be counted towards your degree program.