

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

The International Development Studies (IDS) collaborative specialization provides a focal point for graduate teaching and research in the area of international development. The collaborative specialization combines training in a particular discipline with exposure to a broad range of social science perspectives. Faculty expertise encompasses various aspects of development in Asia, Africa, Eastern and Western Europe and the Americas. Students wishing to pursue a Master's or PhD degree with the designation "International Development Studies" must enter the collaborative specialization in International Development through a participating department.

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Master's Collaborative Specialization

Students wishing to pursue a Master's degree with the designation "International Development Studies" must enter the collaborative specialization in International Development through a participating department or program.

Admission Requirements

Students must meet the University's general requirement a four-year Honours degree, or equivalent, from a recognized post-secondary institution with a B- average over the last two years of full-time equivalent study. Note that some departments set their admission requirement higher than B-.

Students must have completed the following:

- One undergraduate course in economics.
- One undergraduate course in a social science discipline
- One course in social science research methods or equivalent.

Program Requirements

Students complete International Development Studies core requirements and the requirements of their home department. The following are requirements for select departments; consult the IDS Graduate website for other departments.

IDS Master's Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
IDEV*6200	Development Theory, Issues and Process	1.00
IDEV*6300	Research and Analysis in a Development Context	0.50

Optional IDS Courses

Students in the collaborative specialization may undertake two optional interdisciplinary courses:

Code	Title	Credits
IDEV*6000	Regional Context	0.50
IDEV*6500	Fieldwork in International Development Studies	0.50

Departmental or Program Requirements

Programs not listed below are designed by special arrangements. All departmental requirements are subject to change. Students should

confirm the departmental course requirements with the respective Graduate Program Coordinator.

Capacity Development and Extension (MSC)

Code	Title	Credits
Three core courses:		
CDE*6070	Foundations of Capacity Building and Extension	0.50
CDE*6260	Research Design	0.50
RPD*6380	Application of Quantitative Techniques in Rural Planning and Development	0.50
or EDRD*6000	Qualitative Analysis in Rural Development	

Select two additional courses of the following CDE restricted electives group:

CDE*6290	Special Topics in Capacity Building and Extension	0.50
CDE*6311	Community Engagement and Public Participation	0.50
CDE*6320	Capacity Building for Sustainable Development	0.50
CDE*6330	Facilitation and Conflict Management	0.50
CDE*6410	Readings in Capacity Building and Extension	0.50
CDE*6420	Communication for Social and Environmental Change	0.50

CDE*6690 Community Environmental Leadership 0.50
One open elective (one IDS Master's Core Course will fulfill this requirement) 0.50

CDE*6900	Major Research Paper (or a thesis)	1.00
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Select two more courses from the restricted electives group (see course list above) 1.00

Economics (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
ECON*6000	Microeconomic Theory I	0.50
ECON*6020	Macroeconomic Theory I	0.50
ECON*6940	Research Project	1.00

Select one of the following:

ECON*6050 & ECON*6180	Introduction to Econometric Methods and Econometric Methods	1.00
ECON*6140	Econometrics I	0.50

Engineering (MEng in Environmental Engineering or Water Resources Engineering)

Code	Title	Credits
Select six courses from the list of required graduate courses in Engineering (to be selected in consultation with advisor)		
ENGG*6950	Final Project in Environmental Engineering	1.00
or ENGG*6900	Final Project in Water Resources Engineering	

Engineering (MAsc in Environmental Engineering or Water Resources Engineering)

Code	Title	Credits
Select three courses from the list of required graduate courses in Engineering (to be selected in consultation with advisor)		
Thesis		

English (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		
Four English courses and a thesis		
ENGL*6803	Research Project (and six English courses)	1.00

Environmental Sciences (MSC)

Code	Title	Credits
ENVS*6900	Research Seminar in Environmental Sciences	0.50

Two other courses in consultation with the department.

Thesis

Family Relations and Applied Nutrition (MSC)**Applied Human Nutrition**

For all students in the MSc program in the field of Applied Human Nutrition, a minimum of 2.25 graduate credits will be chosen in consultation with the student's advisor and advisory committee including:

Code	Title	Credits
FRAN*6000	Quantitative Research Methods	0.50
FRAN*6010	Applied Statistics	0.50
FRAN*6020	Qualitative Research Methods	0.50
FRAN*6550	PhD Research Seminar	0.25
Select one additional graduate elective course ¹		0.50

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Such as FRAN*6610 Advances in Clinical Nutrition, FRAN*6510 Nutrition in the Community or another graduate level elective course related to the student's research specialization. It can be taken within Family Relations and Applied Nutrition or in other academic units of the university.

Students who enter the MSc-AHN program from a non-nutrition undergraduate program will also be required to take those undergraduate and/or graduate courses necessary to meet foundational knowledge in applied human nutrition. In addition, students must complete a research thesis.

Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (MSC OR MFARE)**Thesis based MSc**

Code	Title	Credits
FARE*6380	Applied Microeconomics for Agricultural Economists	0.50
FARE*6970	Applied Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economists	0.50
FARE*6910	Applied Policy Analysis I	0.50
FARE*6100	The Methodologies of Economics	0.50
FARE*6600	Food Security and the Economics of Agri-Food Systems in Developing Countries	0.50
FARE*6800	Seminar in Agricultural Economics	0.00

One additional course

Thesis

Course Work and Major Research Paper MFARE

Code	Title	Credits
FARE*6380	Applied Microeconomics for Agricultural Economists	0.50
FARE*6910	Applied Policy Analysis I	0.50

FARE*6970	Applied Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economists	0.50
FARE*6100	The Methodologies of Economics	0.50
FARE*6600	Food Security and the Economics of Agri-Food Systems in Developing Countries	0.50
FARE*6400	Advanced Topics in Agricultural Economics	0.50
FARE*6800	Seminar in Agricultural Economics	0.00
FARE*6140	Major Paper in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics	1.00

One additional course

Course Work MFARE

In order to satisfy the degree requirements of the course work option, students will complete successfully the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
FARE*6380	Applied Microeconomics for Agricultural Economists	0.50
FARE*6910	Applied Policy Analysis I	0.50
FARE*6970	Applied Quantitative Methods for Agricultural Economists	0.50
FARE*6100	The Methodologies of Economics	0.50
FARE*6600	Food Security and the Economics of Agri-Food Systems in Developing Countries	0.50
FARE*6800	Seminar in Agricultural Economics	0.00

Select three additional graduate courses approved by the student's advisory committee. ²

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Students in this option are restricted from taking FARE*6140 Major Paper in Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Geography (MA OR MSC)

Code	Title	Credits
GEOG*6090	Geographical Research Methods I	0.50
GEOG*6091	Geographical Research Methods II	0.50

Select one other Geography course (which can be taken from the IDS core)

GEOG*6180	Research Project in Geography (or a thesis)	1.00
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Select one other Geography course not taken as part of the IDS core

History (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
Three History courses		
HIST*6400	Major Paper (or Thesis)	1.00

Latin American and Caribbean Studies (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
LACS*6010	Latin American Identity and Culture	0.50
LACS*6020	Re-Imagining Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Communities	0.50
LACS*6030	Globalization and Insecurity in the Americas	0.50
LACS*6100	Research Project (or Thesis)	1.00

Select one other LACS course

Management (MSc)**Course Work Major Research Project Degree Requirements (Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship)**

Code	Title	Credits
Common core courses		1.00
Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship field specific courses		1.50
One qualitative or quantitative research methods course		0.50
Electives		1.00
MGMT*6000	Management Seminar Series	0.00
MGMT*6500	Major Research Project	1.00

Thesis-based Degree Requirements (Management Research)

Code	Title	Credits
Common core courses		1.00
Management Research field specific courses, chosen in consultation with Advisor		1.50
One qualitative or quantitative research methods course, chosen in consultation with Advisor		0.50
MGMT*6000	Management Seminar Series (Fall and Winter Semester)	0.00
Thesis		0.00

Philosophy (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
PHIL*6950	MA Seminar	0.50
Additional philosophy courses in consultation with the department		
Either a thesis or research paper (in conjunction with)		
PHIL*6990	Major Research Project	1.00

Political Science (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
IDS Requirements		
POLS*6900	Communications	0.25
POLS*6940	Research Design and Methods	0.75
POLS*6730	Development and Global Justice	0.50
POLS*6970	Major Paper (or Thesis)	1.00
One additional course from the Political Science Department (elective)		

Population Medicine (MSc Course Work)

Code	Title	Credits
POPM*6200	Epidemiology I	0.50
POPM*6210	Epidemiology II	0.50
POPM*6250	Project in Population Medicine	1.00

Note

*NB: A student's Population Medicine advisor may require a student to take POPM*6100 Seminar.

Psychology (MA)**Applied Social Psychology**

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC*6060	Research Design and Statistics	0.50
or PSYC*6940	Discrete-Variable Research Design and Statistics	

(upon consultation with Advisor as to which is most appropriate)

PSYC*6471	Practicum I	0.50
PSYC*6880	Ethical Issues in Psychology	0.25

At least 2 of the following 3 core AS courses:

PSYC*6910	Critical Approaches to Applied Social Psychology	0.50
PSYC*6920	Applied Social Psychology and Intervention	0.50
PSYC*6930	Community, Culture and Global Citizenship	0.50

At least 1 elective, which may be fulfilled through completion of one of the IDS Master's Core Courses

And MA Thesis.

Public Health (MPH)

Code	Title	Credits
PABI*6500	Infectious Diseases and Public Health	0.50
POPM*6200	Epidemiology I	0.50
POPM*6510	Health Promotion	0.50
POPM*6520	Introduction to Epidemiological and Statistical Methods	0.50
POPM*6530	Health Communication	0.50
POPM*6540	Concepts in Environmental Public Health	0.50
POPM*6550	Public Health Policy and Systems	0.50
POPM*6560	Public Health Practicum	1.00
POPM*6570	Public Health Capstone	0.00
POPM*6580	Public Health Leadership and Administration	0.50

Public Issues in Anthropology (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
IDS Requirements		
ANTH*6080	Anthropological Theory	0.50
ANTH*6140	Qualitative Research Methods	0.50
ANTH*6000	Public Issues Anthropology	0.50
ANTH*6600	Reading Course (or a Thesis and one additional course)	0.50

Three additional courses

Rural Planning and Development (MSc Planning)**Departmental Requirements**

Code	Title	Credits
RPD*6030	International Rural Development Planning: Principles and Practices	0.50
RPD*6170	Rural Research Methods	0.50
RPD*6240	Planning and Development Theory	0.50
RPD*6291	Rural Development Administration	0.50
RPD*6380	Application of Quantitative Techniques in Rural Planning and Development	0.50
RPD*6360	Major Research Paper (or a thesis and one additional RPD course)	1.00

Three additional RPD courses

Sociology (MA)

Code	Title	Credits
SOC*6070	Sociological Theory	0.50
SOC*6700	Pro-seminar	0.00
SOC*6130	Quantitative Research Methods	0.50

or SOC*6140	Qualitative Research Methods	
SOC*6600	Reading Course (or a thesis and one additional Sociology course)	0.50

Three additional Sociology courses

PhD Collaborative Specialization

The collaborative specialization in International Development Studies (IDS) is a PhD program that provides an opportunity for advanced students to engage with interdisciplinary development theories and to conduct research on international development issues based on approaches of selected academic disciplines. The collaborative specialization in IDS is undertaken jointly with a discipline-based degree. Students enter IDS through a participating department or unit with a PhD program. At present these include Sociology; Plant Agriculture, Philosophy, Political Science; Population Medicine, Geography; Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics; Economics; History; Engineering; Environmental Sciences; Psychology (Applied Social Psychology); Critical Studies in Improvisation.

Based on the experience of faculty advisors in key participating departments, the program focuses on issues such as international political economy, food security, environmental dynamics and governance, gender inequality, rural development, long-term economic change, and other interdisciplinary cutting-edge topics in international development.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission, an applicant must have a recognized Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in a relevant discipline or related interdisciplinary field. Applicants to the IDS collaborative specialization must meet the specific departmental admission requirements, which vary from one department to another. For information on the admission requirements and application deadlines of your selected department, please contact the relevant department directly.

In addition to the specific departmental admission requirements, applicants are expected to have a strong background in the social sciences a demonstrable track record of experience in the course-based study of development issues, development research and/or development practice and a stated research interest relating to international development.

Program Requirements

Students complete requirements for the departmental degree as well as the IDS components which consist of two core courses, including an interdisciplinary course on theories and debates in development and a course on development research and practice. Students must obtain a minimum final grade of 75% in each of the two IDS PhD core courses to remain in the IDS collaborative specialization. While the students have to successfully complete these courses to remain in the IDS collaborative specialization, they do not have to pass a separate qualifying examination in addition to the departmental qualifying exam. Furthermore, the expectation is that the IDS students' PhD research will bridge two or more disciplines in a way that relates to the field of IDS. The departmental supervisor must have knowledge and understanding of International Development Studies as it relates to the requirements of the IDS collaborative specialization. One of the members on the student's advisory committee needs to be an appointed IDS affiliated faculty member approved by the IDS Admissions Committee.

For further information regarding course offering, please contact the IDS Graduate Program Assistant.

IDS PhD Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
IDEV*6800	Theories and Debates in Development	0.50
IDEV*6850	Development Research and Practice	0.50

Departmental PhD Requirements

Departmental requirements are assigned in collaboration with the student's home department. See respective departmental web pages.

Courses

IDEV*6000 Regional Context Unspecified [0.50]

This reading course provides an opportunity for in-depth investigation about a particular region in preparation for a thesis, major paper or research project. The course normally is directed by the student's advisor.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

Location(s): Guelph

IDEV*6200 Development Theory, Issues and Process Fall and Winter Reg Required [1.00]

This course will examine key issues in development, for example: social justice, poverty and inequality, sustainability, governance and inclusiveness, and how perspectives on these issues have changed over time and differ across disciplinary perspectives. The course will be writing-intensive and focus on the development of skills in oral communication of development issues.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

Location(s): Guelph

IDEV*6300 Research and Analysis in a Development Context Fall and Winter Reg Required [0.50]

This two semester course prepares students to conduct research in a development context. It emphasizes power relations and supports students as they reflect on their own positionality and the development context of their research. Through reading, discussion and practice, students develop skills in areas such as: scoping research questions, data collection, data analysis, navigating ethical complexities and knowledge mobilization. There will be an emphasis on reflective writing and on communicating development research and analysis to diverse audiences.

Restriction(s): Restricted to International Development Studies collaborative specialization masters students.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

Location(s): Guelph

IDEV*6500 Fieldwork in International Development Studies Unspecified [0.50]

This course recognizes an intensive commitment to research in an archival repository, 'in the field' or at an appropriate development institution in Canada or abroad. The course normally is directed by the student's advisor in consultation with the advisory committee.

Restriction(s): Restricted to International Development Studies collaborative specialization doctoral students.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

Location(s): Guelph

IDEV*6800 Theories and Debates in Development Fall Only [0.50]

This course examines recent approaches in development theory explaining international inequality, poverty and long-term change. It also investigates selected current debates in international development - such as food security, trade, good governance, sustainability or gender - from various discipline-based and interdisciplinary perspectives, and analyzes selected regional experiences of development.

Restriction(s): Restricted to International Development Studies collaborative specialization doctoral students. A minimum final grade of 75% is required to remain in the IDEV collaborative specialization.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

Location(s): Guelph

IDEV*6850 Development Research and Practice Winter Only [0.50]

In this course students establish the linkages between their doctoral research topic and the wider field of development studies and practice. The course will examine development policies and projects, ethical issues related to (cross-cultural) development research, and relationships between research and development practice.

Prerequisite(s): IDEV*6800

Restriction(s): Restricted to International Development Studies collaborative specialization doctoral students. A minimum final grade of 75% is required to remain in the IDEV collaborative specialization.

Department(s): Dean's Office, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

Location(s): Guelph