

International Development Studies (Arts) (HBA)

Specialist

Major

Minor

See also co-op option

Centre for Critical Development Studies (CCDS)

International Development Studies is a challenging program intended for bright and self-motivated students who are interested in both excelling academically and actively engaging themselves in the pursuit of social justice around such issues as poverty, inequality, and oppression. The Specialist program provides students with a critical understanding of international development issues through exposure to a variety of academic disciplines and cultures. Students will not only learn the complex dynamics of development theory, but will have the opportunity for practical experience that is essential to professional development.

Complementary Programs: Minor Programs in Anthropology, Economics, Human Geography, Media Studies, Political Science, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies

Make the most of your time at UTSC!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are listed. In fact, activities such as joining a student club, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study.

Check out future career opportunities and skills acquired from completing this program:

Competencies & Skills

- Knowledge and understanding of the connections among issues such as inequality, poverty, and oppression
- Ability to identify the roles of historical, sociocultural, economic, and political power in social and economic difference among countries
- Analytical writing and communication
- Research design
- Project management and evaluation

Careers for Graduates

- International Development Consultant
- Communications Officer
- Gender & Equity Expert
- Development Associate/Grant Writer
- Knowledge Translation
- Community Development Officer
- Governance Officer
- Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
- Policy Advisor
- Impact Investor
- Law/Legal Services
- Start-ups, Social Innovation
- Medical Practitioners

Further Education

- International Development
- Public Policy/Global Affairs
- Geography/Urban Planning
- Environmental Science
- Public Health
- Law
- Medicine
- Teacher Education



Connect with Alumni at events on **CLNx** and through **Partners in Leadership**, **10,000 Coffees**, **LinkedIn** and more!

For more information go to:
uoft.me/alumni-services

**NEED HELP CHOOSING
YOUR PROGRAM?**

See uoft.me/choosing

International Development Studies (Arts) (HBA) Specialist Program Pathway

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PATHWAY

Read through each year; investigate what appeals to you here and in other Program Pathways that apply to you. Note that this Pathway is only a suggestion. **For the most up to date information, please check the UTSC Calendar.**

YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- 3.0 credits as follows: IDSA01H3, IDSB02H3, IDSB06H3, [MGEO01H3 or MGEO02H3], [MGEO05H3 or MGEO06H3], EESA01H3.
- Explore different kinds of courses; this will also help with fulfilling breadth requirements and electives.
- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program.

- 2.0 credits as follows: IDSB01H3, IDSB04H3, POLB90H3, POLB91H3.
- Consider which courses you would like to do for the Specialized Courses requirement in these 6 areas: Media & Development, Culture & Society, Environment & Land Use, Economics of Development, Gender & Health, Politics & Policy.

- Methods for IDS: IDSC04H3 and 1.0 credit from selected courses; 0.5 credit in quantitative/statistical methods, and 0.5 credit in qualitative methods (check the UTSC Calendar for details).
- Start taking Specialized courses in the 6 areas of concentration.
- Take prerequisites for D-levels next year.

- 0.5 credit from Research in International Development: IDSD02H3.
- Complete your Specialized courses requirement.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Register your "Intent to Graduate" on ACORN by the deadline.

DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS

- Writing and reading support is available at the CTL Writing Centre.
- Attend IDSSA facilitated study groups.
- Sign up for AA&CC study skills workshops on CLNx.
- Attend the annual Winter Critical Hope Lecture.

- Schedule an appointment with your program librarian for in-depth library research assistance.
- Explore Research Assistant opportunities through the Work Study program on CLNx.
- Contact Faculty members and inquire about research opportunities.

- Develop research skills by entering to win the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Apply for the University of Toronto Excellence Award to conduct summer research projects under the supervision of a faculty member.

- Apply for the CCDS Faculty Mentorship Project or consider completing a Supervised/Independent Research Project in IDSD14H3/IDSD15H3.

APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning opportunities on the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx).
- Attend the Fall and Winter IDS Potluck to observe the poster presentations from students returning from the field.

- Research about experiential learning opportunities on campus: utsc.utoronto.ca/experiential.
- Connect with like-minded local organizations and explore skill building Work Study opportunities on CLNx.

- Consider enrolling in IDSC20H3 and learn about the challenges faced by communities in their interactions with a range of development actors, including international development agencies, local Non Governmental Organizations (NGO), state actors and universities.

- Consider participating in the International Development Conference at UTSC.
- Consider enrolling in IDSD19H3 and explore whether such engagements offer opportunities for effective social change and improved theory.
- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers.

BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

- Join the International Development Studies Students' Association (IDSSA); attend their events and programs.
- Explore other relevant student clubs on campus and get involved.
- Volunteer in DSL's Alternative Reading Week program to gain experience and knowledge about social change and community development; explore other DSL programs.

- Participate in initiatives planned by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and Oxfam at UTSC.
- Consider doing the ISC's Global Citizenship Certificate to prepare for working and succeeding in a culturally diverse and rapidly changing world.
- Explore ISC's Global Learning opportunities like a Summer Abroad.

- Volunteer to be a First Year Peer Advisor in DSL's First Year Experience Program.
- Intern with an NGO in Ghana, Malawi, Sri Lanka or Tanzania with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship; visit the ISC.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair to learn about local and international opportunities.

- Consider becoming a student member of a professional association such as Canadian Association for the Study of International Development and network with external IDS professionals.
- Participate in the AA&CC's Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Volunteer with organizations to explore your interest within relevant industries; check listings on CLNx.
- Register with SCSU's Volunteer Network Program.
- Research labour trends in development studies at idsemployment.weebly.com.

- If you are considering grad school, speak to professors and program advisors early so you know what to keep in mind.
- Explore careers through the AA&CC's Job Shadowing and In The Field programs.
- Sign up for DSL's ALL-IN Leadership Program.

- Attend CCDS networking events.
- Do informational interviews with organizations you are interested in.
- Plan a career path with an AA&CC staff member.
- Go to the UTSC Graduate & Professional School Fair in September.
- Develop professional skills by joining a conference like TEDxUTSC.

- Meet with your Program Supervisor/Advisor regarding applying to graduate studies.
- Get your Personal Statement reviewed in the AA&CC.
- Attend the AA&CC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search "crash course."

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SERVICES AT UTSC THAT SUPPORT YOU:

To learn about resources and departments that can support you, download the UTSC Student Experience app or visit uoft.me/StARTNow

Diversity & Inclusion

The University of Toronto Scarborough commits to intentionally foster a welcoming and supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff where diversity is valued, and every member of the community feels a sense of belonging on campus.

utsc.utoronto.ca/edo/

Academic Integrity

The university community supports an environment of academic integrity; these are values that include honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Learn about the university's academic rules and how to avoid accidental plagiarism by attending an Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) workshop.

academicintegrity.utoronto.ca/

Healthy Campus

UTSC provides supportive environments, resources and services to empower students to maintain their overall physical and mental health and foster their academic success.

uoft.me/healthycampus/

Co-Curricular Record

The co-curricular record is an official institutional document that recognizes your involvement outside the classroom as a significant part of your U of T experience.

clnx.utoronto.ca/ccr

FUTURE STUDENTS

For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:

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International Development Studies Student Association

<https://www.facebook.com/IDSSA.UTSC/>

DID YOU KNOW...

There's a Knowledge Equity Lab that promotes equal & equitable global academic & scientific research creation & access.



Glossary of acronyms:

AA&CC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
CLNx - Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network
CCDS - Centre for Critical Development Studies
CCR - Co-Curricular Record
CTL - Centre for Teaching & Learning
DSL - Department of Student Life
IDS - International Development Studies
IDSSA - International Development Studies Student Association
ISC - International Student Centre