International Development Studies (Science) (HBSc)

Centre for Critical Development Studies (CCDS)

One of the most unique and dynamic programs found at UTSC, International Development Studies is a multidisciplinary study of how and why countries develop differently from each other. The Science stream of the Specialist Program addresses the major issues that are the focal point of among the world’s most influential international and national environment and development policy makers. Our prioritized focus on environmental biology as the specialized field in environmental science responds to demand by students for these interdisciplinary skills to achieve these career goals. Students will not only learn the complex dynamics of development theory, but will be given practical experience that is essential to professional development.

Complementary Programs: Minor Programs in Biology, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Health Studies, Public Policy

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
- Knowledge and application of key international policies governing issues in environment and development
- In-depth knowledge of environmental biology
- Analytical writing and communication
- Research design
- Project management and evaluation

Careers for Graduates
- International Development Consultant
- Environmental Consultant
- Conservation Officer in Government Services
- Coordinator in Non-profits
- Development Officer
- Governance Officer
- Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
- Policy Advisor
- Impact Investor
- Law/Legal Services
- Start-ups, Social Innovation

Further Education
- Biology
- Public Policy
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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
## 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)

- 4.5 credits as follows: IDSA01H3, BIOA01H3, BIOA02H3, CHMA10H3, CHMA11H3, EESA01H3, EESA06H3, [MGEA01H3 or MGEA02H3], [MGEA05H3 or MGEA06H3].
- 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 from Core courses in ID as follows: IDSB01H3, IDSB02H3, IDSB04H3, IDSB06H3.
- 2.5 credits as follows: BIOB50H3, BIOB51H3, EEBS03H3, EEBS05H3, EEBS16H3.
- 1.0 credit from Methods for IDS courses: IDSC04H3, STAB23H3.
- 0.5 credit from: GGRA03H3, EESC03H3.

### YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)

- Write and reading support is available at the CTL Writing Centre.
- Attend IDSSA facilitated study groups.
- Sign up for A&ACC study skills workshops on CLNx.
- Attend the annual Winter Critical Hope Lecture.
- 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.
- Writing and reading support is available at the CTL Writing Centre.
- Attend IDSSA facilitated study groups.
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- 2.0 credits from the following Advanced courses in Environmental Biology (0.5 credit must be at the D-level): BIOC37H3, BIOC58H3, BIOC61H3, BIOC62H3, BIOC63H3, EESC04H3, BIOD54H3, EESD06H3.
- 0.5 credit from the following Environmental Science in Practice courses: EESC13H3, GGRG26H3, GGRG44H3.

### YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)

- Develop research skills by entering to win the UTSC Library Undergraduate Research Prize or Poster Forum.
- Attend for the University of Toronto Excellence Award to conduct summer research projects under the supervision of a faculty member.
- Research about experiential learning opportunities on campus: ubc.utoronto.ca/ experi.
- Connect with like-minded local organizations and explore skill building Work Study opportunities on CLNx.
- Participate in initiatives planned by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and Oxfam.
- Consider doing the ISC’s Global Citizenship Certificate to prepare for working 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.
- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers.
- Ensure you have fulfilled your breadth requirements.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Register your “Intent to Graduate” on ACORN by the deadline.

### YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)

- Plan a career path with an A&ACC staff member.
- Meet with your Program Supervisor/Advisor regarding transitioning to work or further education.
- Consider enrolling in IDSC02H3 as an elective 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.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair to learn about local and international opportunities.
- Attend CCDS networking events.
- Do informational interviews with organizations you are interested in.
- Plan a career path with an A&ACC staff member.
- Go to the UTSC Graduate & Professional School Fair in April/May.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search “crash course.”
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- Meet with your Program Supervisor/Advisor regarding applying to graduate studies.
- Get your Personal Statement reviewed in the A&ACC.
- Attend the A&ACC's Get Hired job search conference in April/May.
- Attend a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search “crash course.”

### PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER

- Volunteer with organizations to check your interest within relevant industries, check listings on CLNx.
- Register with SCSU’s Volunteer Network Program.
- Research labour trends in development studies at idemployment.weebly.com.
- 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.
- Module participation in initiatives planned by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and Oxfam.
- Consider doing the ISC’s Global Citizenship Certificate to prepare for working and rapidly changing world.
- Explore ISC’s Global Learning opportunities like a Summer Abroad.
- 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 A&ACC’s Job Shadowing and In The Field programs.
- Sign up for DSLs ALL-IN Leadership Program.
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- Go to the UTSC Graduate & Professional School Fair in September.
- Develop professional skills by joining a conference like TEDxUTSC.

### CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY

- Use Degree Explorer to plan your courses and program.
- Explore different kinds of courses; this will also help with fulfilling breadth requirements and electives.

### DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS

- Visit the UTSC Graduate & Professional School Fair in April/May.
- 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 A&ACC’s Partners in Leadership program to learn and network with an alumni mentor about transitioning to work or further education.

### APPLY THEORY TO PRACTICE

- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair to learn about local and international opportunities.
- Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers.

### BECOME AN ENGAGED CITIZEN (LOCALLY & GLOBALLY)

- Meet with your Program Supervisor/Advisor regarding applying to graduate studies.
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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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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

DISCLAIMER: Please refer to the calendar for the most current and accurate information on programs and degrees: utsc.calendar.utoronto.ca