International Development Studies (Arts) (HBA)

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 Major 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: Anthropology, Economics, Environmental Studies, Human Geography, Health Studies, Media Studies, Political Science, Public Policy, Sociology or 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 skills
- Research design
- Project management and evaluation.

Careers for Graduates

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

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

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Major Program Pathway

YEAR 1 (0 - 3.5 Credits)
- 0.5 credit as follows: IDSA01H3
- Consider quantitative research methods courses such as GGRA03H3 or STAB23H3 to lay a foundation for courses next year.
- Enrol in breadth requirements and electives outside the program such as Natural Sciences or Arts, Literature and Language courses.
- Use Degree Explorer and UTSC Calendar to plan your degree.

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)
- 1.5 credits from the following: IDSB01H3, IDSB02H3, IDSB03H3, IDSB04H3, IDSB05H3, IDSB06H3.
- 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.
- Use Degree Explorer.

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)
- 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 (please check the UTSC Calendar for details).
- Start taking Specialized courses in the 6 areas of concentration.
- Take applicable prerequisites for D-levels next year.
- Use Degree Explorer to ensure you are on track with your degree.

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)
- 4.5 credits from courses listed in Requirement 5 of the B.A. version of the Specialist program in IDS with at least 1.0 credit from each of TWO of the clusters.
- 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.

Choose your courses wisely
- Writing and reading support is available at the CTL Writing Centre.
- Attend IDSSA facilitated study groups.
- Attend AA&C study and learning skills workshops.
- Attend the annual Winter Critical Hope Lecture which brings in speakers who straddle the world of activism and scholarship.

Develop your academic & research skills
- Start building your Co-Curricular Record (CCR) and search for Experiential Learning (EL) 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.

Apply theory to practice
- Join the International Development Studies Students’ Association (IDSSA); attend their events and programs.
- Explore other relevant student clubs on campus and get involved: www.scsu.cs/clubs/directory.
- Participate in Department of Student Life’s (DSL) LEAD program to build confidence, self-esteem and resiliency.
- Explore other DSL programs.

Become an engaged citizen (locally & globally)
- Volunteer with organizations to explore your interest within relevant industries; check listings on CLNx.
- Attend the UTSC Get Experience Fair in September or register with SCSU’s Volunteer Network Program.
- Research labour trends in development studies at idsemployment.weebly.com.

Plan for your future career
- 0.5 credit as follows: IDSA01H3.
- Consider qualitative research methods courses such as GGRA03H3 or STAB23H3 to lay a foundation for courses next year.
- Enrol in breadth requirements and electives outside the program such as Natural Sciences or Arts, Literature and Language courses.
- Use Degree Explorer and UTSC Calendar to plan your degree.

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.
SERVICES AT UTSC THAT SUPPORT YOU:
To learn about resources and departments that can support you, download the UTSC Student Experience app or visit www.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.
www.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.
www.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.
https://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.
https://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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University of Toronto Scarborough
Room HL104, Main Floor, Highland Hall
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admissions@utsc.utoronto.ca

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Department of Student Life
Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

International Development 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
NGO - Non-Governmental Organization
SCSU - Scarborough Campus Students Union

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