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 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

Need help choosing your program?

See uoft.me/choosing

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
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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)
• 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.
• Develop your Academic & Research Skills
• CHOOSE YOUR COURSES WISELY
• 3.0 credits as follows: IDSA01H3, IDSO20H3, IDSO21H3, (MGEA01H3 or MGEA02H3), (MGEA05H3 or MGEA06H3), 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.

YEAR 2 (4 - 8.5 Credits)
• 2.0 credits as follows: IDSO01H3, IDSO04H3, POLSBOOH3, 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.
• DEVELOP YOUR ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SKILLS
• 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.

YEAR 3 (9 - 13.5 Credits)
• Start taking Specialized courses in the 6 areas of concentration.
• Take prerequisites for D-levels next year.
• RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
• Change and improved theory.
• Become an Engaged Citizen (Locally & Globally)
• Consider enrolling in IDSO20H3 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.
• Apply for the University of Toronto Excellence Award to conduct summer research projects under the supervision of a faculty member.
• PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER
• Participate in initiatives planned by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and Oxfam at UTSC.
• Apply for the University of Toronto Excellence Award or Poster Forum.
• Complete your Specialized courses requirement.

YEAR 4 or FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)
• 0.5 credit from Research in International Development: IDSD02H3.
• Apply for the CCDS Faculty Mentorship Project or consider completing a Supervised/Independent Research Project in IDSD14H3/IDSD15H3.
• Meet with your Program Supervisor/Advisor regarding the PAN and Transition to work or further education.
• Plan for Your Future Career
• Consult with potential employers.
• Attend the Summer & Full-time Job Fair in January to meet with potential employers.
• Apply for a Jobs for Grads orientation for a job search "crash course.

YEAR 4 of FINAL YEAR (14 - 20 Credits)
• 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.
• RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
• Change and improved theory.
• 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 UTSC Get Experience Fair to learn about local and international opportunities.
• PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE CAREER
• Participate in initiatives planned by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and Oxfam at UTSC.
• Apply for the CCDS Faculty Mentorship Project or consider completing a Supervised/Independent Research Project in IDSD14H3/IDSD15H3.
• 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

DID YOU KNOW...
There’s a Knowledge Equity Lab that promotes equal & equitable global academic & scientific research creation & access.

FUTURE STUDENTS
For admission requirements to UTSC, check out the U of T Scarborough Viewbook or contact:
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Department of Student Life
Room SL157 | 416-208-4760

International Development Studies Student Association
https://www.facebook.com/IDSSA.UTSC/

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