

International Development Studies (IDS)

Explore the foundations of international development theory and how these theories translate into the practice of helping those in need as you study the current realities facing communities throughout the world, and the factors that contribute to the inequalities between the rich and the poor.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in International Development Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/SOSC 1430 - Introduction to International Development Studies	9.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside International Development Studies	Any course that is not an International Development Studies course or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With International Development Studies, you can choose to take courses in at least two of the six areas of concentration and tailor your course selections to the subjects and regions that interest you the most, and fit your future career goals. You also have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. International Development Studies can also be taken as a minor.

Areas of Concentration:

Culture	Gender
Diasporas and Migration	Political Economy
Environment	Politics, Governance and Policy

Double Major Options Include:

African Studies	Human Rights and Equity Studies
Communication Studies	Political Science
Geography	Sociology
	+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

African Studies	Public Administration
Anthropology	Sociology
Political Science	Urban Studies
	+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- **Career-Focused Services**

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

- **Academic Support**

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.

- **Social & Leadership Development Programs**

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Sharon Atim
Fourth Year Student
International Development Studies

"I love the flexibility in the International Development Studies program. The areas of concentration are very relevant in the current development paradigm and I was able to choose them to reflect my areas of interests."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in International Development Studies requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



International Development Studies Courses: Introduction to International Development Studies

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of International Development Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals of International Development Studies.



International Development Studies Courses: Development in Comparative and Historical Perspective, and one course for each of the two areas of concentration

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in International Development Studies will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



International Development Studies Courses: Development Studies Research Methods, and one course in at least one area of concentration

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, your courses in International Development Studies will be designed to meet your specific interests.



International Development Studies Course Options: Advanced Seminar in Development Studies, Development Studies placement course + many more

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional International Development Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!