International Development Studies: Collaborative Specialization

International Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Guelph is an interdisciplinary collaborative specialization that fosters understanding of complex economic and social change at the local to global level with the aim of promoting social justice. The collaborative specialization is offered at the Master’s and PhD level. Students add the IDS specialization through a collaborating (or “home”) department that they choose according to their educational background, research interest and work experience.

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Collaborative Specialization

Our Master’s students complete the requirements in their home department (most departments have requirements tailored to IDS) plus the IDS component. The latter includes an interdisciplinary seminar and one course each from politics, sociology/anthropology, geography and economics.

Our PhD students complete an interdisciplinary course on theories and debates, and a course on development research methods and practice, in addition to their requirements in their home department.

Admission Requirements

IDS Master’s applicants must demonstrate familiarity with the social sciences. They should have completed two courses in economics (micro and macro-economics), one course of sociological or political theory, and an empirical methodology course.

IDS Doctoral applicants are expected to have a strong background in the social sciences, experience in development research and/or development practice, and a stated research interest relating to international development.

Application Deadline:
Please see the application deadline for the collaborating program.

Collaborating Programs

IDS is a specialization that can be pursued with, but not limited to, the following units across campus:

- Capacity Development and Extension
- Economics
- Engineering
- English
- Environmental Sciences
- Food, Agriculture and Resource Economics
- Geography
- History
- Latin American & Caribbean Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Population Medicine
- Public Health
- Public Issues in Anthropology
- Rural Planning and Development
- Sociology

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:
- Social & Economic Change?
- Environment & Sustainability?
- Social Justice and Human Rights?
- Food Security & Health?
- Gender & Identities?

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
- NGO Coordinator/Director
- Policy or Program Analyst in the public or private sectors
- Development Officer
- Professor

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