

# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES HONOURS (B.A.) (57 CREDITS)

**Offered by:** Inst for the St of Development (Faculty of Arts)

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts

**Program credit weight:** 57

## Program Description

The B.A.; Honours in International Development Studies focuses on the many challenges facing developing countries, including issues related to socio-economic inequalities and well being, governance, peace and conflict, environment and sustainability, key development-related themes, and training in research methods related to international development studies.

Honours students must maintain a CGPA of 3.50 in their program courses and, according to Faculty regulations, a minimum CGPA of 3.00 in general.

## Course Selection Guidelines for the Overall Program

- At least 30 of the 57 credits must be at the 300 level or above; 9 credits of these must be at the 400 level or above.
- At least 12 credits must be from INTD courses.
- Students cannot take more than 18 credits in any discipline other than the INTD discipline.

Students who are pursuing a Field Studies program can have a portion of their Field Studies courses count towards their IDS program. See Adviser in office for details.

### Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

**Note:** For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please refer to Visual Schedule Builder. A technical issue is causing the "Terms offered" field to incorrectly report "this course is not currently offered" for many courses in the Course Catalogue.

## Required Courses (12 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 208	Microeconomic Analysis and Applications.	3
ECON 313	Economic Development 1.	3
INTD 200	Introduction to International Development.	3
INTD 498	Honours Seminar in International Development .	3

## Complementary Courses (45 credits)

6 credits from the following two Introductory Categories.

### Culture, Populations and Development

3 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 202	Socio-Cultural Anthropology.	3
ANTH 207	Ethnography Through Film.	3
ANTH 212	Anthropology of Development.	3
GEOG 216	Geography of the World Economy.	3
GEOG 217	Cities in the Modern World.	3
INTD 350	Culture and Development.	3

### Politics, Society and Development

3 credits from the following:

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 227	Introduction to Comparative Politics - Global South.	3
POLI 243	International Politics of Economic Relations.	3
POLI 244	International Politics: State Behaviour.	3
SOCI 254	Development and Underdevelopment.	3

### Thematic

30-33 credits from the following:

#### African Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
AFRI 200	Introduction to African Studies.	3

#### Agriculture

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Course	Title	Credits
AGRI 411	Global Issues on Development, Food and Agriculture.	3

#### Agricultural Economics

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Course	Title	Credits
AGEC 430	Agriculture, Food and Resource Policy.	3
AGEC 442	Economics of International Agricultural Development.	3

#### Anthropology

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 206	Environment and Culture.	3
ANTH 209	Anthropology of Religion.	3
ANTH 214	Violence, Warfare, Culture.	3

ANTH 222	Legal Anthropology.	3
ANTH 227	Medical Anthropology.	3
ANTH 302	New Horizons in Medical Anthropology.	3
ANTH 304	Chinese Culture in Ethnography and Film.	3
ANTH 308	Political Anthropology 01.	3
ANTH 318	Globalization and Religion.	3
ANTH 322	Social Change in Modern Africa.	3
ANTH 326	Anthropology of Latin America.	3
ANTH 327	Anthropology of South Asia.	3
ANTH 338	Indigenous Studies of Anthropology.	3
ANTH 339	Ecological Anthropology.	3
ANTH 343	Anthropology and the Animal.	3
ANTH 355	Theories of Culture and Society.	3
ANTH 418	Environment and Development.	3
ANTH 436	North American Native Peoples.	3
ANTH 438	Topics in Medical Anthropology.	3
ANTH 500	Chinese Diversity and Diaspora.	3
ANTH 512	Political Ecology.	3

## Business Administration

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Course	Title	Credits
BUSA 433	Topics in International Business 1.	3

<sup>1</sup> When topic is relevant to IDS.

## Canadian Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
CANS 315	Indigenous Art and Culture.	3

## East Asian Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
EAST 211	Introduction: East Asian Culture: China.	3
EAST 213	Introduction: East Asian Culture: Korea.	3
EAST 388	Asian Migrations and Diasporas.	3

## Economics

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 205	An Introduction to Political Economy.	3
ECON 209	Macroeconomic Analysis and Applications.	3
ECON 223	Political Economy of Trade Policy.	3
ECON 314	Economic Development 2.	3
ECON 326	Ecological Economics.	3
ECON 347	Economics of Climate Change.	3
ECON 416	Topics in Economic Development 2.	3
ECON 473	Income Distribution.	3

## English

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Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 290	Postcolonial and World Literatures in English.	3
ENGL 421	African Literature.	3
ENGL 440	First Nations and Inuit Literature and Media.	3

## Geography

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Course	Title	Credits
GEOG 221	Environment and Health.	3
GEOG 302	Environmental Management 1.	3
GEOG 303	Health Geography.	3
GEOG 310	Development and Livelihoods.	3
GEOG 311	Economic Geography.	3
GEOG 325	New Master-Planned Cities.	3
GEOG 360	Analyzing Sustainability.	3
GEOG 403	Global Health and Environmental Change.	3
GEOG 408	Geography of Development.	3
GEOG 425	Southeast Asia Urban Field Studies.	3
GEOG 510	Humid Tropical Environments.	3

## History

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Course	Title	Credits
HIST 200	Introduction to African History.	3
HIST 201	Modern African History.	3
HIST 206	Indian Ocean World History.	3
HIST 208	Introduction to East Asian History.	3
HIST 209	Introduction to South Asian History.	3
HIST 213	World History, 600-2000.	3
HIST 218	Modern East Asian History.	3
HIST 223	Indigenous Peoples and Empires.	3
HIST 240	Modern History of Islamic Movements.	3
HIST 317	Themes in Indian Ocean World History.	3
HIST 326	History of the Soviet Union.	3
HIST 328	Themes in Modern Chinese History.	3
HIST 333	Indigenous Peoples and French.	3
HIST 338	Twentieth-Century China.	3
HIST 340	History of Modern Egypt.	3
HIST 341	Themes in South Asian History.	3
HIST 360	Latin America since 1825.	3
HIST 361	Topics in Canadian Regional History.	3
HIST 363	Canada 1870-1914.	3
HIST 366	Themes in Latin American History.	3
HIST 382	History of South Africa.	3
HIST 389	Topics: African Country Survey.	3
HIST 408	Selected Topics in Indigenous History .	3

HIST 409	Topics in Latin American History.	3
HIST 528	Indian Ocean World Slave Trade.	3

### International Development Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
INTD 250	History of Development.	3
INTD 350	Culture and Development.	3
INTD 352	Disasters and Development .	3
INTD 354	Civil Society and Development .	3
INTD 360	Environmental Challenges in Development.	3
INTD 397	Topics in International Development.	3
INTD 398	Topics in Conflict and Development.	3
INTD 490	Development Research Project.	3
INTD 491	Honours Thesis.	3
INTD 492		6
INTD 497	Advanced Topics in International Development.	3
INTD 499	Internship: International Development Studies.	3

### Islamic Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
ISLA 200	Islamic Civilization.	3
ISLA 210	Muslim Societies.	3
ISLA 305	Topics in Islamic History.	3
ISLA 310	Women in Islam.	0-3
ISLA 325	Introduction to Shi'i Islam.	3
ISLA 330	Islamic Mysticism: Sufism.	3
ISLA 355	Modern History of the Middle East.	3
ISLA 360	Islam and Politics in Africa	3
ISLA 365	Middle East Since the 1970's.	3
ISLA 370	The Qur'an: History and Interpretation.	3
ISLA 383	Central Questions in Islamic Law.	3
ISLA 385	Poetics and Politics in Arabic Literature.	3
ISLA 388	Persian Literature.	3
ISLA 392	Arabic Literature as World Literature.	3
ISLA 411	History: Middle-East 1918-1945.	3
ISLA 415	Modern Iran: Anthropological Approach.	3
ISLA 421	Islamic Culture - Indian Subcontinent.	3
ISLA 430	Islamdom: Baghdad to Cordoba .	3

### Latin American & Caribbean Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
LACS 497	Research Seminar: Latin America and the Caribbean.	3

### Management Core

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Course	Title	Credits
MGCR 382	International Business.	3

### Management, Organizational Behaviour

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Course	Title	Credits
ORGB 380	Cross Cultural Management.	3

### Management Policy

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Course	Title	Credits
MGPO 435	The Origins of Capitalism.	3
MGPO 438	Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation.	3
MGPO 440	Strategies for Sustainability.	3
MGPO 469	Managing Globalization.	3
MGPO 475	Strategies for Developing Countries.	3
MSUS 402	Systems Thinking and Sustainability.	3

### Nutrition

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Course	Title	Credits
NUTR 501	Nutrition in the Majority World.	3

### Political Science

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 319	Politics of Latin America.	3
POLI 322	Political Change in South Asia.	3
POLI 324	Comparative Politics of Africa.	3
POLI 338	Topics in Comparative Politics 1.	3
POLI 340	Comparative Politics of the Middle East.	3
POLI 341	Foreign Policy: The Middle East.	3
POLI 345	International Organizations.	3
POLI 347	Arab-Israel Conflict, Crisis, Peace.	3
POLI 349	Foreign Policy: Asia.	3
POLI 350	Global Environmental Politics.	3
POLI 352	International Policy/Foreign Policy: Africa.	3
POLI 353	Politics of the International Refugee Regime.	3
POLI 359	Topics in International Politics 1.	3
POLI 369	Politics of Southeast Asia.	3
POLI 372	Indigenous Peoples and the Canadian State.	3
POLI 380	Contemporary Chinese Politics.	3
POLI 381	Politics in Japan and South Korea.	3
POLI 422	Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics 1.	3
POLI 423	Politics of Ethno-Nationalism.	3
POLI 435	Identity and Inequality.	3
POLI 441	International Political Economy: Trade.	3
POLI 442	International Relations of Ethnic Conflict.	3

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POLI 445	International Political Economy: Monetary Relations.	3
POLI 450	Peacebuilding.	3
POLI 476	Religion and Politics.	3

### Religious Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
RELG 253	Religions of East Asia.	3
RELG 309	World Religions and Cultures They Create..	3
RELG 331	Religion and Globalization.	3
RELG 370	Religion and Human Rights.	3
RELG 375	Religion, Politics and Society.	3

### Sociology

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Course	Title	Credits
SOCI 212	International Migration.	3
SOCI 234	Population and Society.	3
SOCI 307	Globalization.	3
SOCI 309	Health and Illness.	3
SOCI 365	Health and Development.	3
SOCI 370	Sociology: Gender and Development.	3
SOCI 400	Comparative Migration and Citizenship.	3
SOCI 446	Colonialism and Society.	3
SOCI 519	Gender and Globalization.	3
SOCI 520	Migration and Immigrant Groups.	3
SOCI 550	Developing Societies.	3

### Social Work

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Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 400	Policy and Practice for Refugees.	3

### Methods

6-9 credits from the following:<sup>1</sup>

#### Anthropology

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Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 358	The Process of Anthropological Research.	3

#### Economics

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Course	Title	Credits
ECON 227D1	Economic Statistics.	3
ECON 227D2	Economic Statistics.	3

### International Development Studies

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Course	Title	Credits
INTD 356	Quantitative Methods for Development .	3
INTD 358	Ethnographic Approaches to Development .	3

### Political Science

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Course	Title	Credits
POLI 210	Political Science Research Methods.	3

### Sociology

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Course	Title	Credits
SOCI 350	Statistics in Social Research.	3
SOCI 461	Quantitative Data Analysis.	3
SOCI 477	Qualitative Methods in Sociology.	3

<sup>1</sup> When selecting their Methods courses, students must consult with the IDS Adviser. They must also consult with the most recent Faculty of Arts policy on course overlap: [https://www.mcgill.ca/study//faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\\_arts\\_course...](https://www.mcgill.ca/study//faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug_arts_course...)