

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MAJOR CONCENTRATION (B.A.) (36 CREDITS)

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

Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

Program credit weight: 36

Program Description

The B.A.; Major Concentration 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.

Course Selection Guidelines for the Overall Program

1. At least 18 of the 36 credits must be at the 300 level or above.
2. At least 9 credits must be from INTD courses.
3. Students cannot take more than 12 credits in any one 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 check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

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 497	Advanced Topics in International Development.	3

Complementary Courses (24 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

12-15 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 422	Contemporary Latin American Culture and Society.	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

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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 336	The Chinese Economy.	3
ECON 347	Economics of Climate Change.	3

ECON 411	Economic Development: A World Area.	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 406	Human Dimensions of Climate Change.	3
GEOG 408	Geography of Development.	3
GEOG 410	Geography of Underdevelopment: Current Problems.	3
GEOG 425	Southeast Asia Urban Field Studies.	3
GEOG 510	Humid Tropical Environments.	3

History

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Course	Title	Credits
HIST 197	FYS: Race in Latin America.	3
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 309		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 419	Central America.	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 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 350	From Tribe to Dynasty.	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

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Management Core

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Course	Title	Credits
MGCR 382	International Business.	3
MGCR 460		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
POLI 445	International Political Economy: Monetary Relations.	3
POLI 450	Peacebuilding.	3
POLI 474	Inequality and Development.	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 353	Gandhi: His Life and Thought.	3
RELG 370	Religion and Human Rights.	3
RELG 371	Ethics of Violence/Non-Violence.	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 265	War, States and Social Change.	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 513	Social Aspects HIV/AIDS in Africa.	3
SOCI 519	Gender and Globalization.	3
SOCI 520	Migration and Immigrant Groups.	3
SOCI 550	Developing Societies.	3
SOCI 555	Comparative Historical Sociology.	3

Social Work

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

Methods

3-6 credits from the following:¹

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
POLI 461	Advanced Quantitative Political Science.	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

¹ 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_...