GUELPH Guelph Institute of Development Studies

International Development Studies 3+1 Program

Do you want to make a difference to the pressing issues facing the world? Do you see yourself working locally or somewhere around the world in a role like Economic Development Officer, International Aid Worker, or Policy Analyst?

The University of Guelph and Humber Polytechnic are excited to offer a new pathway for students to receive both a <u>Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Development Studies</u> and an <u>Ontario Graduate Certificate in International Development</u> within four years.

This collaborative 3+1 program is open to students applying directly from high school, as well as University of Guelph students currently enrolled in the International Development Studies major. To pursue this pathway, early planning is essential to complete the University of Guelph IDS degree requirements in three years instead of four; for this reason, the pathway is normally only available for students currently in the first year of their IDS program.

If you are a current IDS student interested in transferring to the 3+1 program, notify the IDS Academic Advisor by email (idadvisor@uoguelph.ca). You will receive support from the IDS Academic Advisor throughout your program to make sure you are on track to complete the 3+1 program.

Note: Students enrolled in a co-op program are NOT eligible for the 3+1 program.

Earn a Degree and Graduate Certificate in 4 Years

Years 1-3: University of Guelph

In the 3+1 program, you'll spend your first three years at the University of Guelph, completing the requirements for your honours Bachelor of Arts degree in International Development Studies.

Our expert-taught classes will give you a strong foundation to understand the complexities of economic and social development in Canada and around the world.

You'll study the causes, consequences, and solutions to significant social, political, and economic inequalities and develop skills to address them.

Follow the detailed pathway outlined below for your specific Area of Emphasis.

Year 4: Humber Polytechnic

If you have met <u>academic requirements by the end of third year</u>, you'll move on to complete your fourth year at <u>Humber Polytechnic's Lakeshore Campus</u>.

The Ontario Graduate Certificate in International Development is a management program that will provide you with an opportunity to make a difference on a global scale. During the summer semester of your fourth year, you'll get 12 weeks of industry experience through a mandatory field placement, either in Canada or abroad.

Your specific field placement will be based on a combination of your unique interests as well as availability with industry partners in community development, international development, and the humanitarian sector.

The certificate will equip you with the hard and soft skills required by industry partners to develop and grow international development and disaster relief projects globally.

What are the requirements to enter the pathway at Humber Polytechnic?

Upon successful completion of the third year of studies at the University of Guelph with a minimum major average of 70% and a minimum overall average of 70%, students will attend Humber Polytechnic to participate in the Ontario Graduate Certificate.

How to pursue the 3+1 pathway

Year 1

Notify the IDS Advisor about your intention to pursue the pathway by emailing the IDS Advisor (idadvisor@uoguelph.ca). Meet with the IDS Advisor and BA Academic Advisor to map out your pathway through your University of Guelph Honour's IDS degree.

Year 2

In the fall, meet with the IDS Advisor and BA Academic Advisor to ensure you are on track to meeting pathway requirements.

Year 3

In the fall, meet with the IDS Advisor and BA Academic Advisor to ensure you are on track to meeting pathway requirements.

During your third year, you must <u>formally apply to the Ontario Graduate Certificate in International Development at Humber Polytechnic</u>. The application period opens in the fall semester and the deadline to apply is usually February 1 (check the <u>ontariocolleges.ca</u> website to confirm exact date).

Year 4

Attend Humber Polytechnic in Toronto to complete the Ontario Graduate Certificate in Development Studies (12-month program).

SEMESTER ONE	
Introduction to Development in a Canadian Context	
Management Skills for International Development	
Project Design and Planning	
Management Information Systems	
Data Analytics and Storytelling	
Career Orientation	
SEMESTER TWO	
Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning	
Project Design and Planning: Simulation	
Humanitarian Assistance	
Financial Management	
Operations Management	
SEMESTER THREE	
Communications, Fundraising and Impact Investment	
Issues and Sectors in International Development	
Field Experience – International Development	

After the completion of the Ontario Graduate Certificate in International Development Studies at Humber Polytechnic, please complete the following steps to receive transfer credit at the University of Guelph:

 Arrange for an official transcript from Humber Polytechnic to be submitted to Admission Services. • E-mail Admission Services at admission@uoguelph.ca to initiate the transfer credit assignment process. The transfer credit evaluation fee will be waived.

The credits you will receive from Humber Polytechnic will satisfy your remaining University of Guelph degree requirements. After that, you can apply to graduate from the University of Guelph for completion of your BA Honours degree.

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Inequalities and Social Justice in the Canadian Context Area of Emphasis

YEAR 1	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV1000	IDEV1100
Elective (Humanities)	ANTH2660
Elective (Humanities)	POLS2300
Elective (Natural or Mathematical	AoE Restricted Elective 1
Sciences)	
Elective	Elective

YEAR 2	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV2000	IDEV3600
IDEV2200	UNIV2010
GEOG2260 or POLS2650 or	IDEV3400
SOAN2120	
Elective (Humanities)	GEOG3020 or SOAN3380 or
	UNIV2200
Elective	GEOG3050 or PHIL3230 or
	POLS3790

YEAR 3	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV3000	AoE Restricted Elective 2
IDEV4300	AoE Restricted Elective 3
IDEV4600	Elective
POLS3320	Elective
	Elective (Natural or Mathematical
	Sciences)

Agriculture and Food Security Area of Emphasis

YEAR 1	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV1000	IDEV1100
Elective (Humanities)	FARE1300
Elective (Humanities)	AoE Restricted Elective 1
Elective (Natural or Mathematical	Elective (Humanities)
Sciences)	·
Elective	Elective

YEAR 2	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV2000	IDEV3600
IDEV2200	UNIV2010
GEOG2260 or POLS2650 or	IDEV3400
SOAN2120	
AGR2150	GEOG3020 or SOAN3380 or
	UNIV2200
Elective	GEOG3050 or PHIL3230 or
	POLS3790

YEAR 3	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV3000	OAGR2070 [1.0 credits of AoE
	restricted elective]
IDEV4300	Elective
IDEV4600	Elective
POLS3320	Elective (Natural or Mathematical
	Sciences)

Politics and Conflict Area of Emphasis

YEAR 1	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV1000	IDEV1100
POLS2200	POLS2100 (if POLS2200 not taken
	in fall)
Elective (Humanities)	Elective (Humanities)
Elective (Natural or Mathematical	Elective
Sciences)	
Elective	Elective

YEAR 2	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV2000	IDEV3600
IDEV2200	UNIV2010
GEOG2260 or POLS2650 or	IDEV3400
SOAN2120	
POLS3490	GEOG3020 or SOAN3380 or
	UNIV2200
Elective	GEOG3050 or PHIL3230 or
	POLS3790

YEAR 3	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV3000	AoE Restricted Elective 1
IDEV4300	AoE Restricted Elective 2
IDEV4600	AoE Restricted Elective 3
POLS3320	Elective (Natural or Mathematical
	Sciences)
Elective	Elective (Humanities)

Environment and Sustainable Development Area of Emphasis

YEAR 1	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV1000	IDEV1100
Elective (Humanities)	SOC2280
Elective (Humanities)	AoE Restricted Elective 1
Elective (Natural or Mathematical	Elective (Humanities)
Sciences)	
Elective	Elective

YEAR 2	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV2000	IDEV3600
IDEV2200	UNIV2010
GEOG2260 or POLS2650 or	IDEV3400
SOAN2120	
GEOG2030	GEOG3020 or SOAN3380 or
	UNIV2200
Elective	GEOG3050 or PHIL3230 or
	POLS3790

YEAR 3		
Fall Semester	Winter Semester	
IDEV3000	AoE Restricted Elective 2	
IDEV4300	AoE Restricted Elective 3	
IDEV4600	Elective (Natural or Mathematical	
	Sciences)	
POLS3320	Elective	
	Elective	

Gender and Inclusive Development Area of Emphasis

YEAR 1		
Fall Semester	Winter Semester	
IDEV1000	IDEV1100	
Elective (Humanities)	SXGN1010	
Elective (Humanities)	AoE Restricted Elective 1	
Elective (Natural or Mathematical	Elective (Humanities)	
Sciences)	·	
Elective	Elective	

YEAR 2	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV2000	IDEV3600
IDEV2200	UNIV2010
GEOG2260 or POLS2650 or	IDEV3400
SOAN2120	
AoE Restricted Elective 2	GEOG3020 or SOAN3380 or
	UNIV2200
Elective	GEOG3050 or PHIL3230 or
	POLS3790

YEAR 3	
Fall Semester	Winter Semester
IDEV3000	AoE Restricted Elective 2
IDEV4300	AoE Restricted Elective 3
IDEV4600	Elective (Natural or Mathematical
	Sciences)
POLS3320	Elective
SOAN3240	Elective