



**COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND  
APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES**

GUELPH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

**COURSE:** IDEV\*2100: Research in International Development

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Undergraduate Calendar description:

“This course explores the ethical dimensions of conducting research and producing knowledge in a context of inclusive and sustainable development. Students will explore the cultural, methodological and ethical challenges of conducting research in vulnerable communities, using concepts of positionality, difference, identity and intersectionality to understand the ways in which they might engage in a mutually-respectful process of research and engagement. The course provides a broad survey of research methods including documentary, observational, qualitative, and quantitative approaches, exploring their key characteristics, strengths and weaknesses and ethical implications of producing knowledge for development. Prerequisite(s): IDEV\*1000”

**FALL 2020 COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT**

Asynchronous delivery, with weekly synchronous open office hours and one-on-one appointments available

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Familiarity with a variety of research methods employed in international development studies;
- Ability to engage in ethical reasoning around research in international development studies;
- Ability to understand and interpret the statistical findings reported in international development research;
- Ability to design and propose a research project related to international development studies;
- Development of research, reading, and writing skills, as well as critical thinking.

**EVALUATION**

TCPS 2: CORE ethics certificate:	Pass/Fail
Research proposal plan:	Pass/Fail
Reflection on ethics module:	20%

Homework on qualitative module: 25%  
Quizzes on quantitative module (x2): 20%  
Final research proposal: 25%  
Participation (discussion board): 10%

*Late assignments will be penalized 5% per day that they are overdue, including weekend days. Please speak with the instructor before the deadline to request extensions and avoid late penalties.*

### **REQUIRED READINGS**

Required readings will be available via CourseLink and the Library's Ares online reserve system.

### **Disclaimer**

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website [hyperlink to the website] and circulated by email.

### **Illness**

The University will not require verification of illness (doctor's notes) for the fall 2020 or winter 2021 semesters.