



**COLLEGE of SOCIAL AND  
APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES**

GUELPH INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

## **COURSE: IDEV\*4500**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course addresses some of the important questions and concerns facing ID students as they approach graduation. It helps them better understand and critically assess both the study and practice of international development. It also provides an opportunity for students to reflect on what they have learned over the course of the program, and consider how it will shape where they head in the future. IDEV\*4500 is organized in a seminar format that depends on the active involvement of all students. The central objective of the course is for imminent ID graduates to critically examine the nature of contemporary development studies & practice and their role with respect to each.

## **WINTER 2021 COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT**

IDEV\*4500 will be delivered in an alternative format in the Winter 2021 semester. It is classified as *Synchronous* (AD-S; VIRTUAL), which means that you, your classmates, and your instructor interact through a specific online medium (e.g., Zoom), at a specific time for the majority of course activities. Attendance at a specific location is not expected for any activities or assessments.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Critically examine development studies as an academic discipline and as a vocation-based area of study;
- Critically assess interdisciplinary study and develop an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of an interdisciplinary approach to research and scholarship in this area;
- Explore debates surrounding the nature of development practices, especially in regard to one's own positioning in the global political economy;

- Critically appraise a number of key challenges and debates in development studies and practice and understand the complexity of the different positions within these;
- Enhance oral and written communication and develop group working skills.

**EVALUATION**

1. Participation.....	(25%)
2. Interview Assignment .....	(25%)
3. Group Presentation.....	(25%)
4. Final Essay/Podcast.....	(25%)

**REQUIRED READINGS**

Copies of the assigned readings will be made available via Courselink.