Faculty of Arts

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Development Studies is a multidisciplinary field that examines social, economic, and political change. This program will give you a broad understanding of societal problems through analyzing the economic, political, cultural, and geographic factors that impact development issues. During the course of your studies, you’ll gain cultural understanding, practical experiences, analytic skills, and research capabilities.

Did You Know?

We offer a development studies field school that allows you to spend six weeks immersed in the culture and daily life of Ghana.

James Nguen
BA'10 (Development Studies)


Awards

BOB GRAINGER ENTRANCE BURSARY, UP TO $9,000

CHANCELLOR'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP, UP TO $10,000 (RENEWABLE)

Job Titles

PUBLIC POLICY ADVISOR

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SPECIALIST

Student Clubs

DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS FOR CHANGE

FACULTY OF ARTS STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Did You Know? I did a semester in Spain, and completed field studies in Central Europe and Southeast Asia. These experiences gave me a first-hand look at global issues around water, food scarcity, community structure and sustainable economic development - and led to great friendships.

Alexandra K., development studies student

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Sample First-Year Courses

FALL

Introduction to Development Studies (Development Studies 201) or Open option

Principles of Microeconomics (Economics 201)

Language option

Arts option

Arts option or Science option

WINTER

Introduction to Development Studies (Development Studies 201) or Open option

Principles of Macroeconomics (Economics 203)

Language option

Science option

Open option