MASTER OF ARTS
GLOBALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The School of International Development and Global Studies (SIDGS) offers interdisciplinary programs leading to a Master of Arts (MA) in Globalization and International Development and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in International Development.

The master’s program is offered in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Law (common law and civil law), and the Faculty of Social Sciences and includes a co-op option.

The program draws on the expertise of professors in economics, geography, history, law, political science, religious studies, sociology and anthropology and it benefits from the strength of numerous advanced research institutes and centres. Students are provided with the training needed to address complex, multifaceted problems that may simultaneously encompass economic, political, social, cultural, religious, legal, ethical and environmental elements. The program is administered by a program committee, composed of representatives from the participating academic units and chaired by the program director.

The core courses of the program are offered each year in both English and French. The elective courses may be offered in either language; students are advised to check with the academic unit offering the course.

The Department offers a collaborative program in Women’s Studies (at the MA level) and in Environmental Sustainability (at the MA level).

The programs are governed by the general regulations (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements) webpage.

To be considered for direct admission, candidates must hold:

1. An honour’s bachelor’s degree in international development and globalization or a related field (e.g., international studies and modern languages, environmental studies, religious studies, economics, geography, history, sociology, political science).

OR

2. An undergraduate law degree (LLB/LLL or equivalent).

An overall undergraduate average of 75% (B+) (calculated in accordance with graduate studies guidelines) is required.

The admissions committee may also recommend candidates who do not fully meet the above requirements but who do meet the minimum requirements in effect for graduate studies (an honours bachelor’s degree with 70% (B) standing) and who have demonstrated knowledge of the field through relevant training and/or work experience.

A letter of intent outlining the candidate’s interest in the program and relevant academic and practical experience must be submitted along with the application. Candidates should also indicate their preferred field (among four defined by the program).

Candidates who meet the basic admission requirements but who need to complete prerequisites for graduate courses or who need essential background knowledge in one or more fields may be admitted to a qualifying program.

Co-op Program

To be admitted into the co-op option, students must commence the MA program in the fall term and be enrolled full time. Applications for the co-op option must be received by the end of the first month of the student’s enrollment in the MA program. Acceptance into the co-op option is offered on a competitive basis and is managed by the Co-op Office. Enquiries should be directed to that office.

Language Requirements

Candidates must be able to understand, speak and write either English or French fluently. Applicants whose mother tongue is neither English nor French are required, at the time of application, to provide evidence of proficiency in one of these languages. Proof of having achieved a score of at least 280 in the computer-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or an equivalent test must be provided. For French proficiency, proof of having achieved a CanTEST score of 5.0 in Listening, in Reading, and in Writing must be provided.

In addition, students admitted to the program without evidence of proficiency in the second official language must demonstrate their reading competence in this language at the earliest opportunity by passing the language requirements (DVM 5999) administered by the program. A candidate who fails the test will have to successfully complete a course at the Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute approved by the program.

In accordance with University of Ottawa regulations, examinations, assignments and the research paper or thesis may be written in either one of the two official languages (English or French).

Mentoring System

Applications are reviewed by the program admissions committee. The committee assigns each student a professor who acts as a mentor and assists in developing an individualized study plan that takes account of interdisciplinary requirements and of the student’s needs, interests, and preferred field.

Lecture Series

All students are required, during the first year, to attend a lecture series where faculty and students from participating academic units, from other academic units or from outside organizations address important themes in globalization and international development.

Program Requirements

The program has four fields:

- Economic Growth, Private Sector and Social Inclusion
- Livelihoods, Resources and Sustainability
- Conflict, Transitions and Peace
This program also has a co-op option (see below).

MA with Major Research Paper
The requirements for this option consists of 24 units of courses and a Major Research Paper.

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12 elective course units in globalization and international development (DVM) at the graduate level ¹

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¹ 6 of the 12 elective course units may be selected from graduate courses offered by other programs, upon approval by the program director or a delegate.

MA with Thesis
The requirements for this option consists of 18 units of courses and a thesis.

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¹ 3 of the 6 elective course units may be selected from graduate courses offered by other programs, upon approval by the program director or a delegate.

Co-op Option
Co-op students must enroll full-time and complete two work terms: SCS 6001 and SCS 6002 .

Each work term is graded P/F (pass/fail), based on the employer’s report and on the written report completed by the student. (The report must be 30 pages, including appendices.) The report is evaluated by the professor in charge of the graduate co-op option in DVM.

The units awarded for co-op work terms may not be used to obtain equivalences for other courses. In other words, the co-op units are additional to the minimum requirements of the degree.

To remain in the co-op option, students must:

• Be enrolled full-time.
• Maintain a 7.0 cumulative grade point average.
• Obtain a satisfactory grade (P) for each co-op work term.

Second Language Requirement
Students admitted to the program without evidence of proficiency in the second official language must demonstrate their reading competence in this language at the earliest opportunity by passing the language requirements (DVM 5999) administered by the program. A candidate who fails the test will have to successfully complete a course at the Official Language and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI) approved by the program.

Duration of the Program
Students are expected to fulfill all requirements within two years. The maximum time permitted is four years from the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Minimum Standards
The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units) must withdraw from the program.

Research

Research Fields & Facilities
Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

• Canada and the World
• Health
• e-Society
• Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences represents a place of excellence in knowledge creation, research and training. Driven by both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives, research at the Faculty is rich, innovative and varied, contributing to the depth of understanding and breadth of discussions on a variety of issues nationally and internationally. This research, whether it be fundamental, theoretical, applied or action-oriented, is generated by our renowned expertise, ultimately culminating in applications designed to influence individual communities and the betterment of society.

We have identified five research themes which collectively represent a large proportion of the research undertaken at the Faculty of Social Sciences:

- International Studies
- Francophonie
- Public Policy
- Health, Well-Being
- Justice, Society

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Social Sciences


For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses

DVM 5100 Understanding International Development and Globalization (3 units)
Study of leading theories and debates on the meaning, challenges and possibilities of development and globalization. Analysis and discussion of the different aspects of development and globalization, including its cultural, political economic, security, legal and territorial implications. Interdisciplinary approach, with a focus on discussion and evaluation of key texts.

Course Component: Seminar

DVM 5101 Research Methods (3 units)
Research methods in international development and global studies. Analysis of epistemological foundations as well as ethical and practical issues associated with qualitative, quantitative and mixed research methodologies. Discussions of key aspects of research proposal development (stages, formulating sharp research questions, nature of a literature review).

Course Component: Seminar

DVM 5500 Comprendre le développement international et la mondialisation (3 crédits)

Volet : Séminaire

DVM 5501 Méthodes de recherche (3 crédits)
Méthodologies de recherche au sein des études du développement international et de la mondialisation. Analyse des fondements épistémologiques ainsi que des enjeux éthiques et pratiques des méthodologies quantitatives, qualitatives et mixtes. Discussion d'aspects clefs de l'élaboration du projet de recherche individuel (étapes d'élaboration, qualité d'une question de recherche, nature d'une revue de littérature).

Volet : Séminaire

DVM 5910 Stage en mondialisation/Développement international / Internship in Globalization/International Development (3 crédits / 3 units)
Stage au Canada ou à l'étranger en milieu de travail. Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant) par un professeur du programme en fonction du rapport écrit et de l'évaluation du superviseur de stage. / Workplace internship in Canada or abroad. Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory) by a professor in the program based on the written report and the evaluation of the internship supervisor.

Volet / Course Component: Stage / Work Term

Préalable : réussite des 12 crédits obligatoires du programme. Exclusion : étudiants inscrits dans l'option coop. Permission du Département est requise. / Prerequisite: Successful completion of the 12 compulsory credits in the program. Exclusion: Students registered in the co-op option. Permission of the Department is required.

DVM 5999 Exigence de langue / Language (3 crédits / 3 units)
Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). / Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).

Volet / Course Component: Cours magistral / Lecture

DVM 6101 Economic Growth, Private Sector and Social Inclusion (3 units)
Understanding economic development, including the roles of the private sector and public policy, particularly in terms of their impact on economic growth, living standards, social inclusion, poverty and inequality, and human development.

Course Component: Seminar

DVM 6102 Livelihoods, Resources and Sustainability (3 units)
Interaction between society and nature. Consideration of how power shapes the use of resources such as land, water, food, or energy, and on how livelihoods adapt to environmental change in various rural and urban contexts. Theoretical lenses include commons theory, social ecological resilience, political ecology, and political economy.

Course Component: Seminar

DVM 6103 Conflict, Transitions and Peace (3 units)
Relationships between insecurity, transitions, peace and development. Key debates on links between development and security or, conversely, between insecurity, conflict and development. Different critical perspectives on the security-development nexus. Issues surrounding human (in)security, as well as key debates on transitions and peace.
Course Component: Seminar

DVM 6104 Social Movements, Equity and Human Rights (3 units)
Social movements, civil society, and informal networks, their roles, actions and impacts in the struggle against the vicious cycles of inequality and vulnerability in developing countries. Themes include class, gender, ethnicity, citizenship and migration.
Course Component: Seminar

DVM 6105 International Development Programming: Results-Based Approaches (3 units)
The evolving international policy context for development effectiveness; results-based management for different actors and modalities (national strategies, program-based approaches, projects); how to practice RBM through the programming cycle (design, budgeting, implementation, monitoring & evaluation, etc.); RBM in different contexts (e.g. in middle-income countries versus fragile and conflict-affected states); limits of RBM-based approaches.
Course Component: Seminar

DVM 6110 Directed Studies in Globalization and International Development (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture

DVM 6111 Special Topics in Economic Growth, Private Sector and Social Inclusion (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture
Prerequisite: DVM 6101

DVM 6112 Special Topics in Environment, Natural Resources and Sustainability (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture
Prerequisite: DVM 6102.

DVM 6113 Special Topics in Conflict, Transitions and Peace (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: DVM 6103.

DVM 6114 Special Topics in Rights, Social Movements and Power (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: DVM 6104.

DVM 6115 Special Topics in Professional Skills for International Development and Globalization (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture
Prerequisites: DVM 6105.

DVM 6501 Croissance économique, secteur privé et inclusion sociale (3 crédits)
Comprendre le développement économique, notamment à travers les rôles du secteur privé et des politiques publiques, ainsi que leurs impacts sur la croissance économique, le développement humain, l’inclusion sociale, la pauvreté et les inégalités.
Volet : Sémiinaire

DVM 6502 Modes de vie, ressources et durabilité (3 crédits)
Relation entre les sociétés et la nature. Une attention particulière est accordée à la manière dont les relations de pouvoir orientent et déterminent l’utilisation de ressources comme la terre, l’eau, la nourriture et l’énergie ainsi qu’à la manière dont les moyens d’existence s’adaptent aux changements environnementaux dans des contextes ruraux et urbains variés. Les diverses approches conceptuelles incluent la théorie des biens publics, la résilience sociale et écologique, l’écologie politique et l’économie politique.
Volet : Sémiinaire

DVM 6503 Conflit, transitions et paix (3 crédits)
Les relations entre l’insécurité, les transitions, la paix et le développement. Les débats principaux portant sur les liens entre développement et sécurité ou, à l’inverse, entre insécurité, conflit et développement. Les différentes perspectives critiques quant à la connexion entre sécurité et développement. Enjeux associés avec l’(in)sécurité humaine, ainsi que les débats actuels en matière de transition et de paix.
Volet : Sémiinaire

DVM 6504 Mouvements sociaux, équité et droits humains (3 crédits)
Rôles, actions et impact des mouvements sociaux, de la société civile, et des réseaux informels dans la lutte contre le cercle vicieux de l’inégalité et de la vulnérabilité dans les pays en développement. Les thèmes abordés comprennent les questions de classe, de genre, d’ethnicité, de citoyenneté et de migration.
Volet : Sémiinaire

DVM 6505 La programmation en développement international : Les approches axées sur les résultats (3 crédits)
Le discours de l’efficacité de la coopération internationale comme contexte clé ; les approches axées sur les résultats (AAR) pour divers acteurs et modalités (stratégies nationales, approches programmatiques, projets) ; les AAR dans le cycle de programmation (conceptualisation, planification budgétaire, mise en œuvre, suivi et évaluation, etc.) ; les AAR dans divers contextes (ex. économies a revenu moyen versus États fragiles) ; limites des approches AAR.
Volet : Sémiinaire

DVM 6510 Études dirigées en mondialisation et développement international (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral

DVM 6511 Thèmes choisis en croissance économique, secteur privé et inclusion sociale (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral
Préalable: DVM 6501.

DVM 6512 Thèmes choisis en environnement, ressources naturelles et durabilité (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral
Préalable : DVM 6502.

DVM 6513 Thèmes choisis en conflit, transitions et paix (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral
Préalable : DVM 6503

DVM 6514 Thèmes choisis en droits, mouvements sociaux et pouvoir (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
Préalable : DVM 6504.

DVM 6515 Thèmes choisis en connaissances profession. pour le développement international et la mondialisation (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral
Préalable : DVM 6505
DVM 6998 Mémoire / Research Paper (6 crédits / 6 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
Préalable : DVM 5522. / Prerequisite: DVM 5122.

DVM 8108 Research Seminar in International Development (3 units)
Study of advanced techniques of qualitative and quantitative methods used in development research and analysis. Methods examined include the use of statistical analysis, comparative methodology, case study selection, discourse analysis, interview techniques and focus groups, and participative methods.
Course Component: Seminar

DVM 8109 Theories of International Development (3 units)
Focus on the major texts that constitute the canon of international development studies. Key theories and approaches will include imperialism/colonialism, modernization theory, structuralist economics, dependency theory, neoliberal/neoclassical economics, and post-modern and post-colonial theory.
Course Component: Seminar

DVM 8110 Development Policy and Practice (3 units)
Study of policy formulation and the role of strategic planning in the global South. Emphasis will be placed on how international institutions and policy documents impact the global South and how, in turn, changes in domestic and international environments shape these institutions and actors. Various political planning approaches are also examined.
Course Component: Seminar

DVM 8150 Special Topics in International Development (3 units)
In-depth examination of a question or topic linked to emerging trends or research areas in international development.
Course Component: Lecture

DVM 8508 Séminaire de recherche en développement international (3 crédits)
Study of advanced methods and qualitative techniques utilized in research and analysis. The methods examined include the use of statistical analysis, comparative methodology, case study selection, discourse analysis, interview techniques and focus groups, and participative methods.
Volet : Séminaire

DVM 8509 Théories du développement international (3 crédits)
Study of foundational theories and conceptual and empirical analyses. The main theories and approaches examined comprise the imperialism/colonialism, the theory of modernization, the economic/structuralist theory, the theory of dependence, the theories of neoliberal/neoclassical economics, post-modernism and post-colonialism.
Volet : Séminaire

DVM 8510 Politiques et pratiques du développement (3 crédits)
Study of the formulation of policies and the strategic planning in the various countries. The emphasis will be on the role of international institutions and the documents of policies and of politics as a means of influencing policy, and of the role of these institutions and actors. Diverse approaches in the field of political planning are also examined.
Volet : Séminaire

DVM 8550 Thèmes choisis en développement international (3 crédits)
Study of a problem or topic related to trends of development.
Volet : Cours magistral

DVM 8555 Lectures dirigées / Directed Studies (3 crédits / 3 units)
In-depth examination of a question or topic linked to emerging trends or research areas in international development.
Course Component: Seminar

DVM 9996 Examen de synthèse I / Comprehensive Examination I
Volet / Course Component: Cours magistraal / Lecture
Préalable : réussite de toutes les exigences de cours. / Prerequisite: successful completion of all course requirements.

DVM 9997 Examen de synthèse II / Comprehensive Examination II
Volet / Course Component: Cours magistraal / Lecture
Préalable : DVM 9996. / Prerequisite: DVM 9996.

DVM 9998 Projet de thèse / Thesis Proposal
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
Préalables: DVM 9996 et DVM 9997. / Prerequisites: DVM 9996 and DVM 9997.