Global Development Studies Program Information

The Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences offer an interdisciplinary Minor in Global Development Studies. The GDS Minor aims to foster the development of critical, knowledgeable and engaged global citizens who are aware of the range of factors, actors and conditions that have shaped global development patterns, inequalities, and the conditions and opportunities under which these patterns and inequalities change. Interdisciplinary introductory and capstone courses are designed to enable students to integrate insights from a variety of disciplines in Humanities and Social Sciences.

The GDS Minor program formally begins in September 2017, when students will begin to be able to declare the minor through My Page (see [http://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/academic-advising/declare/index.php](http://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/academic-advising/declare/index.php)). **GDS 201 and 202 will be offered in 2017-18**, GDS 301 will be offered for the first time in 2018-19, and GDS 400 will be offered for the first time in 2019-20. Field schools and other experiential learning opportunities will be developed gradually over the same period (2017-18 to 2019-20).

Program Requirements

The interdisciplinary GDS Minor requires completion of 13.5 units of coursework, consisting of 4.5 units of lower level courses including GDS 201 and 202, and 9.0 units of upper-level courses including GDS 301 and 400. To ensure interdisciplinary breadth of learning, GDS students are required to select electives from outside the academic unit in which they are completing a major or honours degree to meet certain requirements. Students will also gain specialized knowledge in one of **four global development issue areas** in which UVic has expertise: **environmental sustainability and public health; human rights, democracy, and gender; transnationalism, migration and mobility; or literature, culture and society**.

Any course at the 200 level or above that constitutes part of a student’s Honours, Major or General program cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Minor in Global Development Studies. At least 6.0 units of the 9.0 units of 300- and 400-level coursework must be taken at UVic.

**Lower level requirements (4.5 or 6 units):**
- One of HSTR 112A, 112B, 112
- GDS 201, 202

**Upper Level Requirements (9.0 units):**
- GDS 301 and 400
- One of ECON 320, 329, or 420.
- 1.5 units chosen from core disciplinary courses on global development or a specific region in the global South: CYC 379; GEOG 332 or 347B; GNDR 306; LAS 310; PAAS 300; POLI 327
- 3.0 units of courses numbered 300 and above in one of the following areas:
  - environmental sustainability and public health
  - human rights, democracy, and gender
  - transnationalism, migration and mobility
  - literature, culture and society
  - lists of courses in each area that can be used to fulfil the requirement will be available on the program website [http://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/gds/](http://www.uvic.ca/interdisciplinary/gds/) sometime in late fall 2017-18.

**Courses**

- **GDS 201**: “offered fall 2017”
- **GDS 202**: “offered spring 2018”
- **GDS 301**: “to be offered in 2018-19”
- **GDS 400**: “to be offered in 2019-20”

**Contacts:**
The Global Development Studies Minor program formally begins September 2017. Queries about the program should be directed to the Director of the Office of Interdisciplinary Academic Programs (dirintd@uvic.ca) or to the Interdisciplinary Program Assistant (idpassis@uvic.ca).