

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

CAREER INFORMATION FOR MAJOR IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

This handout provides sources of career information for **Development Studies Majors**. There are different career options available in the field of for **Development Studies**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates with major in for **Development Studies**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

SKILLS DEVELOPED BY DEVELOPMENT STUDIES STUDENTS

- Oral skills
- Written skills
- Listening
- Interpersonal skills
- Presentation skills
- Critical thinking
- Situation analysis and evaluation
- A thorough understanding of international and domestic factors affecting the success and sustainability of different paths to development
- Decision making
- Sound judgment
- Strategy Development
- Project Design and Management
- Qualitative researching abilities
- Time management skills
- Ability to recognize quality information
- Community Mobilization
- Collecting information and Reviewing
- Awareness of key development issues and concepts
- How to deal with complex problems in a more systematic way.

CAREERS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

- Project
- Coordinator/Manager
- International Aide Worker
- Business Development Specialist
- Research Assistant
- International Youth Worker
- Market Research Assistant
- Volunteer
- Recruiter/Coordinator
- Federal Program Officer
- Peace/Human Rights Activist
- Marketing Specialist
- Educator/Trainer
- Journalist
- Job Analyst
- Entrepreneur/ Venture Capitalist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Community Development/ Liaison Officer
- Ecotourism Agent/Guide
- Immigration Officer
- Federal Policy Officer
- Travel Agent
- Fundraiser
- Programs Advisor
- Documentary Filmmaker
- Writer/Author/Columnist
- Sales Manager
- Quality Control/ Quality Assurance Specialist
- Academic Advisor
- Social Worker
- Lawyer/Paralegal
- Human Rights Analyst/Case Worker
- Corporate Social Responsibility Officer
- Development Consultant
- Public Administrator
- Management Consultant
- Trade/Tourism Officer
- Senior Policy Analyst
- Public Policy Researcher
- Diplomat

EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES GRADUATES

- Federal Government
- Federal Agencies
- Provincial Governments
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Consulting Firms
- Media organizations
- United Nations
- Real Estate Development Agencies
- International Relief Org
- Colleges/Universities
- Social Service Organizations
- Private Corporations
- Political Groups
- Foreign Aid Agencies
- Community Organizations
- Law Firms
- Museums
- Business Associations/ Cooperatives
- Travel Agencies
- Trade and Import/Export Agencies
- Travel and Tourism Agencies
- Youth Leadership and Development Organizations
- Conflict Management and Research Organizations
- Peace Consultancy Agencies

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES JOBS

Canadian Council for International Co-operation
http://www.ccic.ca/resources/jobs_e.php

USAID: <http://www.usaid.gov/careers/>

Careers United: <http://www.careersunited.org/>

GVN Foundation's
<http://www.gvnfoundation.org/volunteer/>

International Development Research Centre
http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-1-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Canadian International Development Agency
<http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/>

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES ASSOCIATIONS

Canadian Association for the Study of International Development
<http://www.casid-acedi.ca/>

Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD)
<http://aiard.org/index.htm>

Canadian Co-operative Association
<http://www.coopscanada.coop/>

Canadian Society for International Health
<http://www.csih.org/csihindex.html>

Canadian Association of African Studies
<http://caas.concordia.ca/>

Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
<http://calacs.concordia.ca/>

Canadian Committee of the Middle East Studies Association of North America
<http://canmes.concordia.ca/>

The American Political Science Association
<http://www.apsanet.org/>

Canadian Asian Studies Association
<http://canadianasianstudies.concordia.ca/>

Canadian Public Relations Society
<http://www.cprs.ca>

Economic Developers Association of Canada
<http://www.edac.ca>

Canadian Institute of International Affairs (CIIA)
<http://www.ciia.org>

Canadian Council for International Cooperation CCIC)
<http://www.ccic.ca/>

International Studies Association
<http://www.isanet.org/>

European Consortium for Political Research
<http://www.essex.ac.uk/ECPR/>

British International Studies Association
<http://www.bisa.ac.uk/>

American Foreign Service Association
<http://www.afsa.org/>

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