

Development Studies

Overview

Development Studies is administered by the International & Area Studies Academic Program (IAS). The IAS provides an interdisciplinary approach to the study of international and global issues. Comprised of six undergraduate majors (<http://iastp.berkeley.edu/node/64>) and three graduate degree programs (<http://iastp.berkeley.edu/node/8>), IAS is a unique intellectual domain. At a historical moment of unprecedented interconnectedness, IAS trains students in the knowledge and skills that are fundamental components of global citizenship and practice. IAS has strategically adopted an interdisciplinary approach to such training, with the belief that no single discipline can prepare students in the depth and breadth necessary for a complex and reflexive understanding of world history and contemporary globalization. Accordingly, IAS offers interdisciplinary core courses in fields such as Political Economy, Development Studies, and Peace & Conflict Studies, and then incorporates courses offered through many other departments, offering students a rigorous, but flexible, curriculum which recognizes that learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom.

The Development Studies major focuses on social transformation or change. The problems of social transformation are urgent, massive, complex, and often transcend the boundaries of conventional academic disciplines.

Undergraduate Program

Development Studies (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraduate/degree-programs/development-studies>) : BA

Graduate Program

There is no graduate program in Development Studies.

Development Studies

DEV STD C10 Introduction to Development 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2015

This course is designed as an introduction to comparative development. The course will be a general service course, as well as a prerequisite for the upper division 100 series. It is assumed that students enrolled in 10 know little about life in the Third World countries and are unfamiliar with the relevant theory in political economy of development and underdevelopment. The course will be structured around three critical concepts: land, labor, and work.

Introduction to Development: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Watts

Also listed as: GEOG C32

Introduction to Development: Read Less [-]

DEV STD 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2014

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Freshman Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Freshman Seminar: Read Less [-]

DEV STD C100 History of Development and Underdevelopment 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Historical review of the development of world economic systems and the impact of these developments on less advanced countries. Course objective is to provide a background against which to understand and assess theoretical interpretations of development and underdevelopment. History of Development and Underdevelopment: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Hart

Also listed as: GEOG C112

History of Development and Underdevelopment: Read Less [-]

DEV STD 150 Advanced Studies in Development Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Advanced multidisciplinary research in current issues and topics of development. Seminars will focus on specific geographical areas with appropriate comparative material included. A major research project is required as well as class presentations. Topics change each semester. Advanced Studies in Development Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Advanced Studies in Development Studies: Read Less [-]

DEV STD 192 Senior Thesis 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Spring 2010, Spring 2009

This course is designed to provide a vehicle for undergraduate students interested in writing a major paper on a development topic. The paper should be approximately 30 pages in length. The student and faculty sponsor should agree upon the topic in advance.

Senior Thesis: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Senior Thesis: Read Less [-]

DEV STD H195 Senior Honors Thesis Seminar 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Honors students are required to research and write a thesis based on the prospectus developed in International and Area Studies 102. The thesis work is reviewed by the honors instructor and a second reader to be selected based on the thesis topic. Weekly progress reports required. Senior Honors Thesis Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: International and Area Studies 102 and consent of instructor; senior standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Senior Honors Thesis Seminar: Read Less [-]

DEV STD 197 Field Studies 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2005, Summer 2005 10 Week Session
Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of Development Studies in off-campus organizations. Regular individual meetings with faculty sponsor and written reports required.

Field Studies: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of fieldwork per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of fieldwork per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Field Studies: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

DEV STD 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2006, Spring 2006

Directed group study (upper division).

Directed Group Study: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing and consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

DEV STD 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research for Undergraduates 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2009

Enrollment is restricted by regulations of the College.

Supervised Independent Study and Research for Undergraduates: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Written proposal must be approved by a faculty advisor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Development Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research for Undergraduates: Read Less [\[-\]](#)