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590 **Independent Study.** F, I, S, and SS. Students normally register for this course in conjunction with a course in one of the disciplines. Prerequisite: Admission to a Master's degree program.

## **International Development Studies**

The IDS major consists of eleven courses, eight required and three elective. A semester program in a developing country is also required for the major. Depending on the program, some courses from off-campus programs may apply as either required or elective courses. The IDS minor consists of six courses, three required and three elective, which together comprise a coherent, planned, interdisciplinary program in development studies. An IDS advisor must approve the plan for the minor. An interim or semester experience in a developing country is also normally expected. One approved interim course may apply to either major or minor programs. The program director is R. Hoksbergen, of the Department of Economics. Advisors for the IDS program are R. Hoksbergen, D. Miller of the History Department, A. Mpesha of the Business Department, A. Patterson of the Political Science Department and T. Vanden Berg of the Sociology Department.

### **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MAJOR**

One from IDS 201 or SPHO 205  
Sociology 253  
IDS 351  
One from IDS 355 or STHO 212  
IDS 395  
One from Environmental Studies 210, Biology 364 or the semester in Thailand  
One from Political Science 272 or Political Science 309  
One from Economics 237 or Economics 337 (note: both of these courses have prerequisites)  
Semester experience in a developing country  
Three electives from:  
Biology 364  
CAS 330  
Economics 237, 337, 338  
Environmental Studies 210, 302  
French 219  
Geography 230, 240, 242  
History 233, 235, 238, 242, 246, 273, 331, 338, 346

IDS 359 (counts for 2 electives)  
Political Science 271, 272, 276, 277, 279, 307, 309, 319, 328  
Religion 252, 255, 353, 354, 355  
Sociology 153, 252, 303, 308  
Spanish 309, 361, 362, 363  
SPHO 313  
STHO 210  
STHO 211  
Approved courses from off-campus semesters  
One approved interim course

### **INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES MINOR**

One from IDS 201 or SPHO 205  
Sociology 253  
One from IDS 351, IDS 355 or STHO 212  
Interim or semester in a developing country (or its equivalent)  
Three advisor approved electives from the list of elective courses for the major, and also including IDS 351, 355, 395 and STHO 212.

## COURSES

*For non-IDS courses, please refer to course descriptions in their respective departments.*

**201 Introduction to International Development (3).** F and S. An introduction to the history of Third World development, to the realities of contemporary life in the world's low income countries, and to competing theoretical perspectives on development and change. The course addresses cultural, social, political, religious, economic, and environmental elements of people's lives in the developing world. It also surveys and critiques such dominant perspectives on development as modernization, dependency, world systems, globalization, and sustainable development.

**351 Theories of International Development (3).** F and S. An in depth study of some of the major contemporary theories about the causes and explanations of low levels of development as well as corresponding recommendations for promoting development at a national/international level. The main focus is on the primary causal factors of national development emphasized by different contemporary theories. Such factors include economic institutions and policies; political institutions and governance; cultural and religious orientations and practices; human rights; geography, natural resources, and the natural environment; technology; social capital and civil society; and globalization/imperialism. Prerequisite: IDS 201, SPHO 205 or permission of instructor.

**355 Community Development (3).** F A study of the theories, problems and methods associated with international development work at the community level. Topics include community mapping, survey and assessment methods, project planning and evaluation, community development practices, grant writing, organizational development and capacity building, donor-client relationships,

organizational partnerships, advocacy, and fund raising. Special attention is given to the way Christian development organizations carry out these methods. Most of the course is directed toward international community development experiences, but some case studies and illustrations are also taken from a North American context. Prerequisite: IDS 201, SPHO 205 or permission of instructor.

**359 Internship in Development (12).** F and S. Internships will typically take place in collaboration with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC), and will generally involve CRWRC's placement of the student with one of its partner organizations, either in a developing nation or in North America. Students will work for four to five months with this partner in areas of development work including community development, micro-enterprise and business development, literacy and adult education, organizational capacity building, data gathering, basic health, disaster preparedness and response, refugee assistance and resettlement, local church-based development, and peace and reconciliation work. Placement will occur through an application and interview process. See one of the IDS advisors for more information. Prerequisites: IDS 201 or SPHO 205, Sociology 253, a semester educational experience in a developing nation or its equivalent, appropriate language capabilities, and junior/senior status.

**395 Senior Seminar in International Development Studies (3).** S. A study of the worldview foundations of contemporary development theories, with special attention to Christian perspectives on development and development work. Topics include modernization, dependency, post-development, feminist and capabilities approach perspectives on development, as well as Christian perspectives on development arising from the Roman Catholic, Mennonite and Reformed traditions. Prerequisites: Senior status and two IDS courses.