



HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** Visualizing Human Rights (First Year Intensive or FYI course)
- Year 2** Gender and Refugees
- Year 3** Megadevelopment (Problem of Practice or POP course)
- Year 4** NGOs: Catalysts for Development

Introduction to the Major

Students in international development and social change (IDSC) envision a more just world and gain the tools to make that world possible.

IDSC majors learn about the dynamics that shape our world with the aim of promoting equity and justice. Through classwork and community-based learning, students gain a deep understanding of the interplay of international, regional, and local dynamics as they prepare to become agents of social change. Students explore the varied institutions and actors that advance the global development agenda and learn about alternatives to mainstream development.

CORE COURSES

As an IDSC major, you will learn about global political and economic structures, global environmental challenges, the distribution of power across lines of geography, race, and class, and the history of global poverty and inequality. Foundational courses in the major include:

- Tales from the Far Side: Issues in International Development
- Culture, Health, and Development
- Research Methods in International Development
- Ideologies of Race and Development

100%

of IDSC majors engage in hands-on learning through internships or applied research

"I helped build an urban garden and workspace in Bogota, Colombia. The interdisciplinary nature of the project made it incredibly inspiring and ultimately successful."

— CARLA LEE PEREZ '19



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Bachelor of Arts




**DESIGN
YOUR
JOURNEY**




**Explore
and navigate
Clark curriculum**


**Connect
and engage
with communities**


**Discover
and pursue
your passions**


**Develop
professional
skills**


**Reflect,
design
and plan**

YEAR 1

YEAR 2



☐ **Explore the International Development major**

Take an FYI or 100-level course. Culture Health and Development and Tales from the Far Side are great places to start!



☐ **Curious about the major?**

Introduce yourself to the IDSC undergraduate coordinator and grab some resources about core courses and major requirements.



☐ **Get connected**

Connect with peers and explore your interests by joining a student club. Get involved in Worcester through the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering.



☐ **Get started on a language**

Build your language skills or start learning a new language to prepare for study abroad, research, or an internship in a different linguistic setting.



☐ **Getting from here to there**

Get started on your career exploration by visiting the Career Lab in ASEC to work on your resume or check out the Career Resources Library online.



☐ **Reflect on what sparks your interest**

Which courses have excited you and left you with new questions? Look for more courses on those topics or with a particular instructor.



☐ **Need a job?**

A paid job off-campus is a great way to build your resume, gain valuable experience, and learn more about your new city.



☐ **Dig into the major**

What did you find most interesting in your 100-level courses? Try a related course that builds on your foundation. Consider a PoP course such as ID 203 or ID 237.



☐ **Join the IDSC community**

The undergraduate coordinator can help you declare your IDSC major and select an adviser.



☐ **Find your niche**

What topics or challenges are you passionate about? Meet with your faculty adviser and talk through specialization options.



☐ **Prepare for undergraduate research**

The international development methods course will jumpstart your research interests and ideas. Visit the annual ClarkFEST to be inspired by your peers.



☐ **What regions of the world interest you?**

Take courses on a country or region and learn about your options to Study Abroad and Away during your junior year!



☐ **Ready for an internship?**

Meet with your career adviser for support exploring opportunities with a variety of organizations including Ascentria, AIDS Project Worcester, Terra Cura, Girls Inc., and more. Connect with faculty to explore international internships.



☐ **Look back and look ahead**

Talk with your faculty and career advisers about your goals for the next two years. What new interests have you discovered? What career options are you now considering that you want to test out?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

IDSC graduates work with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Last Mile Health, Abt Associates, Handicap International France, and many others.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni have pursued advanced study at Brown University, Columbia University Teachers College, The New School, and University of Edinburgh.

YEAR 3



☐ Level up!

Try your first 200-level seminar and gain more in-depth knowledge. Some students share their research or policy papers from 200-level courses with employers to showcase their professional skills.



☐ Plan for Senior year and beyond

Interested in a 5th year at Clark? Explore if graduate school is right for you with these resources and connect with your career adviser to strategize and plan.



☐ Spread your wings at Clark

Look for courses in geography, political science, history, language, literature and culture, or economics that complement your major.



☐ Build a professional network

Look up IDSC alumni on LinkedIn. Consider doing an informational interview with someone in a job that interests you.



☐ Get out of here

Whether it's a semester away in Boston or DC, or study abroad in Cape Town or Santiago, go on an adventure!



☐ Test-fly your career

Join the Alumni Job Shadow Program to experience a day on the job in your fields of interest or build essential skills through an internship.



☐ Get ready for next year

Where are you confident and where do you need more clarity? Where do you still need to build skills or experience? Check in with your faculty adviser and your career adviser to create a plan.



☐ Pull it all together with your capstone

Study abroad, research, and internship experiences are great jumping-off points for capstones and thesis projects.



☐ What's next?

There are so many things to do after graduation! Learn about Americorps, City Year, Peace Corps, or a Fulbright fellowship. Ask faculty to serve as references for graduate school applications.



☐ Connect with alumni

Reach out to alumni on ClarkCONNECT and for an informational interview. Ask them to talk with you about their career trajectory.



☐ Share your knowledge

The IDSC fall capstone event and ClarkFEST are great places to present about your internship, honor's thesis or capstone project. Presenting helps build your skills, experience, and confidence.



☐ Ready to launch?

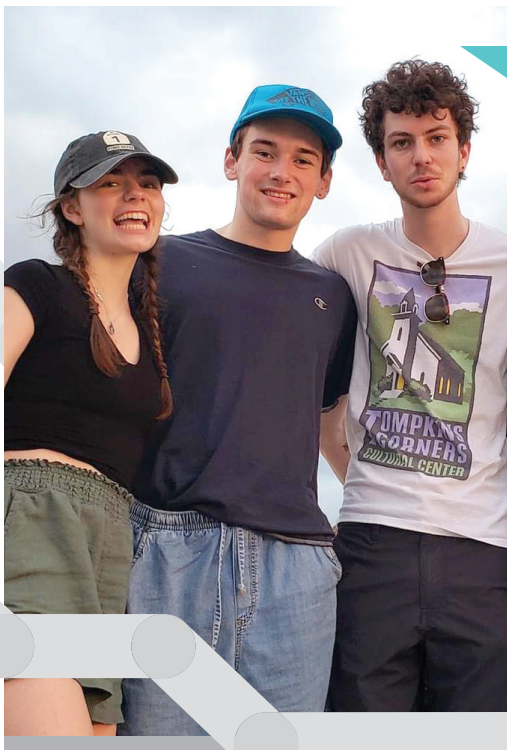
Check in with your career adviser to polish your resume, create a stellar LinkedIn profile, and try a mock interview. Attend career-related events to meet recruiters and learn about opportunities.



☐ The big questions

Reflect on your growth and how you've changed at Clark. What have you learned that you value? What have you excelled at? Recognize a powerful and unique synergy to lead your work into the future and amplify your impact on the world.

YEAR 4



BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!

IDSC majors are activists, thinkers, dreamers, and doers.

When you join the IDSC major you join a talented group of fellow students, alumni, faculty, and staff who are striving to build a better world. Whether your passion is climate justice, health equity, LGBTQIA rights, youth development, community organizing, protecting the planet, or racial justice, we will help you find your path. IDSC students and alumni are making a difference here in Worcester and around the globe.

CONNECT WITH US!

Visit us in IDCE house at 10 Hawthorne Street.

Advising

We are here to support your academic journey.

Make an appointment with the IDSC undergraduate coordinator at IDSUG@clarku.edu to learn about the major, to declare a major or minor, or to select an academic adviser.

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