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Program Coordinator's Welcome

Dear IDS Students,

Welcome to the International Development Studies Program. I hope you will find the challenges and experiences provided by our interdisciplinary program to be educationally and personally rewarding. Our Program has many "firsts": we created the first MA-IDS program in Canada, and then the first stand-alone interdisciplinary PhD program in IDS in Canada. SMU IDS has led the way with its many initiatives, including its Distinguished Visiting Professor program and its renowned Speakers Series. You are joining a Program with a distinguished record of teaching, research and dedication to the intellectual and practical dimensions of international development studies.

The purpose of this Handbook is to provide you with information in addition to that found in the University's *Academic Calendar*: <http://www.smu.ca/academics/academic-calendar.html>. Included is information about the different graduate degree programs offered in IDS, registration instructions, and important resources for graduate students that will help you to navigate your way successfully through your graduate degree.

If you require further information about the IDS Graduate Program, please contact the IDS Program Secretary or me. Our contact information is below.

I wish you the very best in your studies with us.

Sincerely,
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How to Activate Your SMU Online Account

Activating your SMU Online account allows you to obtain an S#, required to register for courses, to access SMUPort, SMU email and online services, on-campus Wi-Fi, and more.

- New students should login to Self Service Banner (<http://selfservice.smu.ca>) first to set their PIN. Please refer to your acceptance letter or acceptance email for your temporary PIN to Self Service Banner.
- Visit SMU Activate and follow the steps to activate your account:
<https://activate.smu.ca>
- Forgot your A# or PIN? Please contact the Service Centre (902-420-5582), or email at service.centre@smu.ca

How to Register

Go to Self Service Banner (<http://selfservice.smu.ca>) and follow these instructions to register for courses:

- Select "Enter Secure Area"
- Enter your User ID (A#) and PIN
- Select the "Student" tab at the top
- Select "Registration"
- Select "Add or Drop Classes"
- Select the appropriate term from the drop-down menu and click "Submit".
- Enter the CRN (5-digit number) for the courses you want to register for in the "Add Classes Worksheet".
- Click "Submit Changes".

After submitting your changes, two things may appear:

- A list of successfully added courses (with an option to drop them). You are successfully registered for these courses.
- You may also see a list of courses that could not be added, with error messages explaining why. You are not registered for these courses.

***IDS course descriptions** can be found in the 2018/19 Graduate Academic Calendar (pp. 53-58):
<http://www.smu.ca/academics/academic-calendar.html>.

*For a list of IDS courses offered in the current academic year, please login to Self Service Banner (<http://selfservice.smu.ca/>), select the "Student" tab at the top; select "Registration," and select "Look Up Classes." Select the appropriate term from the drop-down menu and enter criteria to search for courses.

Questions? Contact the Centre for New Students for assistance with selecting classes and registering online.

Phone: 902-491-8691

Email: cns@smu.ca

Graduation

Students planning to graduate must apply to graduate. The application form is available here: <http://www.smu.ca/academics/graduation.html>

*Please note the following application deadlines:

- Spring Convocation: October 1
- Fall Convocation: June 1
- Winter Convocation: August 1

The MA Program

The MA Program in International Development Studies is a 16-month, 27-credit hour Program, with the option to complete a Thesis or a Major Research Paper (MRP). Each course is worth 3 credit hours.

MA Program requirements:

1) Required Courses – 12 credit hours (4 courses):

- a) IDST 6601 - Dynamics of Development: Frameworks of Analysis I
- b) IDST 6695 - Research Design
- c) *One* of the following regional courses:
 - i. IDST 6661 - Southeast Asia: Contemporary Development Issues
 - ii. IDST 6662 - Sub-Saharan Africa: Contemporary Development Issues
 - iii. IDST 6663 - Latin America: Contemporary Development Issues
 - iv. OR, any additional Special Topics Regional Course on offer in a particular year
- d) *One* specialized graduate-level IDST course chosen from available courses on offer during the academic year in question. Options may include:
 - Conflict, Security, and Development; Education and Development I and/or Education and Development II; Environment and Development; Gender and Development; Global Food Sovereignty; Labour and Development; Urbanization and Development; etc.

Note: With permission of the Graduate Program Coordinator, students planning to conduct fieldwork can enroll in IDST 6660: Field Research in Development (worth 3 credit hours).

2) Elective Courses:

- a) *Thesis Option:* requires an additional 9 credits hours of electives (3 courses)
- b) *Major Research Paper Option:* requires an additional 12 credit hours of electives (4 courses)
- Note: When necessary and with the approval of the supervisor, a student may take a specialization course at another university, through a letter of permission, for the successful continuation of a graduate student's research.

3) Master's Thesis or Major Research Paper (MRP):

- a) Thesis Option: IDST 6690 - Master's Thesis Research - 6 credit hours
 - i. IDST 6690 requires a one-time enrollment during the first term of study. Enrollment will remain active until the successful defense of the thesis.
- b) MRP Option: IDST 6691 - Major Research Paper - 3 credit hours
 - i. IDST 6691 requires a one-time enrollment during the first term of study. Enrollment will remain active until the successful completion of the MRP.

MA Thesis: The Master's Thesis is developed through independent and original research, and consists of an in-depth exploration of a particular topic. It should demonstrate a comprehensive and well-rounded understanding of the relevant literature in the field, the development of a

theoretically and methodologically rigorous framework of analysis, and should, where possible, make an original contribution to the field of analysis. Topics should be approved by thesis Supervisors, with research and writing carried out under the guidance of the Thesis Committee, consisting of a Supervisor and a Reader. Theses are publically defended and must satisfy the requirements of the Examination Committee, consisting of the Supervisor, the Reader, and an External Examiner. Theses should be approximately 85-100 pages in length and will be graded according to a Pass/Fail scale.

Major Research Paper: The Major Research Paper consists of an extensive paper on an approved topic, allowing students to develop an in-depth examination and analysis of the relevant issues and considerations that shape the topic. MRPs should demonstrate theoretical rigor alongside an extensive engagement with the literature relevant to the topic. The MRP Committee will consist of a Supervisor and a Reader. MRPs should be approximately 50 pages in length and will be assigned a letter grade upon successful completion.

Thesis/MRP Supervision:

Students are assigned Supervisors upon admission to the MA Program.

*Please review the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research's *Guiding Principles for Graduate Student Supervision* for a detailed discussion on the role of graduate Supervisors and the student/Supervisor relationship:

<http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/GuidingPrinciplesforGraduateStudentSupervisioninCanada-1.pdf>

* In the event that a change of Supervisor is warranted, please review the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research's *Policy on Changing Thesis Supervisors*:

http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/Policy_on_changing_thesis_supervisors_finalized.pdf

4) FGSR 9000 - This non-class, administrative course keeps you continuously connected to the University's Banner registration system. You must register for this course **every** semester until you defend your thesis or complete your MRP in order to stay active in the MA Program.

Additional MA Program Information:

- Minimum time to completion: 16 months
- Maximum time to completion: 4 years
- Course descriptions can be found in the 2018/19 Graduate Academic Calendar:
<http://www.smu.ca/academics/academic-calendar.html>

5) IDS Speaker Series: All graduate students in the IDS Program are required to participate in the IDS Program's Speakers Series, held on selected Fridays throughout the academic year from 12-1:30pm. The Speaker Series provides a forum for students to discuss central development issues with invited guests from academia, NGOs, multilateral agencies, and the private sector, amongst others.

The PhD Program

Program Description

The Saint Mary's University Doctor of Philosophy in International Development Studies Program is a minimum three-year, research-based program focused almost entirely on the preparation and public defense of a dissertation which makes an original contribution to the advancement of knowledge in International Development Studies.

1) PhD Program Requirements

a) IDST 7500.1/7500.2 - Advanced Development Theory (6 credit hours):

- This 6 credit-hour course is split into two parts, allowing students to explore recent research at the highest level in development theory, and its implications for students' doctoral research. The first half of the course (Fall Term) is organized around class-based seminars, while the second half (Winter Term) will follow a Directed Study format, normally with the candidate's supervisor.

b) IDST 7600.1/IDST 7600.2 - Advanced Doctoral Research Methods (6 credit hours):

- This 6 credit-hour seminar is split into two parts, allowing students to explore traditional and recent research methods, both qualitative and quantitative, for collecting data relevant to participating students' research projects. The first half of the course (Fall Term) is organized around class-based seminars, while the second half (Winter Term) will follow a Directed Study format, normally with the candidate's supervisor.

c) The Dissertation Proposal:

- At the end of Year 1, PhD students shall publically defend a Dissertation Proposal that will provide a detailed overview of the PhD student's research objectives, methods, arguments, literature, and research protocol of the proposed dissertation. Permission to advance to Year 2 of the PhD Program is dependent on a successful outcome of this defence. The IDS PhD Committee will inform the PhD student of the result of the defence, approving movement to Year 2, or requesting resubmission and a new defence. In cases of a second unsuccessful defence, candidates will be required to withdraw from the Program.

d) IDST 8000 - Doctoral Dissertation (6 credit hours):

- Upon entry into Semester 2 of the IDS PhD Program, students must enrol in IDST 8000 - Doctoral Dissertation. This course will remain In-progress (IP) until the student successfully defends the dissertation, at which time a "Pass" or "Fail" will be entered for this course.

e) FGSR 9000:

- This non-class, administrative course keeps you continuously connected to the University's Banner registration system. You must register for this course **every** semester until you defend your thesis.

2) Time to Completion

The graduate year at SMU is 12 months (September 1 to the following August 31) divided into three four-month semesters. A student's "minimum time to completion" in the Program is three years (36 months), while the maximum time to completion is 7 years. A normal course of studies for the Ph.D. program would typically consist of the following.

Year 1

- Fall Semester: IDST 7500.1 and IDST 6500.2
- Winter Semester: IDST 7500.2 and IDST 7600.2
- Summer Semester: Preparation of the Dissertation Proposal for public defense, normally scheduled during the first week of classes in September of the next academic year.

Year 2

The second year consists entirely of structured independent and supervised research following the research protocol contained in the Dissertation Proposal as successfully defended and approved by the Ph.D. Committee. The research will consist of both primary data acquisition in the field and secondary research, as required by the research objectives of the dissertation.

Year 3

The third year consists of all activities leading to the preparation of the final draft of the dissertation (extensive consultation with the supervisory committee, submission of various drafts of the dissertation for comment, either in whole or in part, final write-up, etc.), and will finish in a public, oral defense of the thesis and an examination of the candidate by the appropriate examination committee (normally, the supervisory committee plus an external examiner). The central requirement of the thesis is that it make a significant original contribution to scholarship and substantively advance our knowledge in the field of international development studies.

3) IDS Speaker Series: All graduate students in the IDS Program are required to participate in the IDS Program's Speakers Series, held on selected Fridays throughout the academic year from 12-1:30pm. The Speaker Series provides a forum for students to discuss central development issues with invited guests from academia, NGOs, multilateral agencies, and the private sector, amongst others.

IDS Faculty

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Research Ethics at Saint Mary's University

All research carried out at Saint Mary's University and involving human participants is required to receive research ethics approval from SMU's Research Ethics Board (REB) in accordance with the Tri-Council (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2): http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/pdf/eng/tcps2/TCPS_2_FINAL_Web.pdf

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the REB, and its guidelines and policies. Useful web links include:

- SMU REB: <http://www.smu.ca/research/research-ethics-board.html>
- Guidelines and Policies: <http://www.smu.ca/research/reb-policies-and-guidelines.html>
- Ethics Review Flowchart:
<http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/REBREVIEWANDAPPROVALPROCESS.pdf>
- Ethics Review Request Forms: <http://www.smu.ca/research/reb-forms.html>

*It is recommended that students submit their applications for research ethics approval a minimum of 4-6 weeks in advance of the start of proposed research.

Resources for Graduate Students

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR)

Contact: Atrium Building, Suite 210; 902-420-5089; fgsr@smu.ca

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at Saint Mary's University oversees the administration of graduate studies and research within the University. Students wishing to obtain information on graduate studies at SMU are encouraged to visit the FGSR website:

<http://www.smu.ca/academics/faculty-of-graduate-studies-and-research.html>

*Important resources include:

- Your guide to graduate studies at Saint Mary's University:
http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/GraduateAdmissionsBrochure_WEB_rsz.pdf
- Information on Graduate Tuition and Fees: <http://www.smu.ca/academics/graduate-tuition-fees.html>
- Graduate Academic Calendar: <http://www.smu.ca/academics/academic-calendar.html>
- SMU Graduate Student Handbook: <http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/Graduate Student Handbook 2017.pdf>
- Academic Regulations: Quick Guide:
<http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/REGULATIONSquickreferencedraft2016-2017.pdf>
- External Scholarships and Awards: <http://www.smu.ca/academics/fgsr-current-scholarships-and-awards.html>

Tuition and Fees

The Service Centre at Saint Mary's University is responsible for managing student tuition, fees, and payments. Please visit the Centre's website for details:

- <http://www.smu.ca/academics/service-centre.html>

Details on payment deadlines can be found here:

- <http://www.smu.ca/academics/academics-important-dates.html>

Graduate tuition rates and fees per Program are available here:

- <http://www.smu.ca/academics/graduate-tuition-fees.html>

Financial Awards and Assistance

Where eligible, graduate students at Saint Mary's University can apply to a number of university awards and funds to assist in their studies. They include:

- **International Graduate Student Bursary:** This fund provides students required to pay differential fees (i.e., international students) with assistance in meeting the cost of study.
 - Deadline: October 1 & February 1 of each academic year
 - Application available at:
http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/ApplicationforInternationalGraduateStudentBursary_Sept2017_web.pdf
- **Financial Need-based Bursary:**

- Deadline: 2 application periods per academic year, one in October, the other in February. Please visit the following website for dates:
<http://www.smu.ca/academics/financial-need-based-bursary.html>
- **Funding in Support of Graduate Student Research:**
 - Application for Conference Travel Funds:
 - Deadlines: October 1 & April 1 of each academic year
 - Application:
http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/ConferenceTravelFundingform-Students-rvsd2012_web.pdf
 - Application for International Travel Funds for Graduate Student Thesis Field Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities
 - Deadline March 15
 - Application:
http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/InternationalFieldResearchTravelFundForm-Feb2015_web.pdf

Services for International Students Studying at Saint Mary's University

- Located in the Student Union Building, Room 300, the International Student Centre (902-420-5525; international.centre@smu.ca) provides international students with important on- and off-campus services to support all facets of student life in a new country. Please visit the Centre's website for detailed information on available services and resources: <http://www.smu.ca/international/services-and-contact-info.html>

Indigenous Peer Mentor

- Located in the Burke Building, Room 113, the Indigenous Peer Mentor at Saint Mary's University supports indigenous students during their studies at SMU, assisting students in accessing various services and resources available through the University. To contact the Indigenous Peer Mentor send an email to: indigenouspeermentor@smu.ca
- Please visit the following website for further detailed information:
<http://www.smu.ca/campus-life/indigenous-peer-mentor-contact.html>
- The **Indigenous Student Lounge** is located in Room 114 of the Burke Building
- Indigenous Peer Mentor Handbook:
<http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/IndigenousPeerMentorhandbook2016.pdf>

African Descent Student Ambassador

- The role of the African Descent Student Ambassador is to provide information and resources to students of African Descent attending Saint Mary's University, as well as raise cultural awareness and education, campus wide. To contact the African Descent Student Ambassador send an email to: africandescentambassador@smu.ca

- Visit <http://www.smu.ca/campus-life/african-descent-student-advisor.html> for further information.

The Writing Centre

- The Writing Centre, located in Rm. 115 of the Burke Building (902-491-6202; writing@smu.ca) provides free academic support for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Visit the Centre's website for a full list of services and resources available to students: <http://www.smu.ca/academics/writing-centre.html>
- The Writing Centre also provides **Graduate Student Tutoring**, with one-on-one sessions available to assist in the development, organization, and writing of graduate level projects, included MRPs, MA theses, and PhD theses. Details on Graduate Student Tutoring can be found here: <http://www.smu.ca/academics/graduate-writing-tutor.html>

Fred Smithers Centre of Support for Student with Disabilities

- Saint Mary's University is committed to accessibility in higher education. The Fred Smithers Centre, located on the 3rd floor of the Student Centre (fredsmithers.centre@smu.ca; 902-496-8122), offers a wide range of services and supports for students with disabilities. Please visit the Centre's website for details on resources and services offered: <http://www.smu.ca/campus-life/fred-smithers-centre.html>

Where to Study

- The Arts Commons (McNally Main 214) is the Faculty of Arts Common Study Space. Faculty of Arts graduate student carrels are available in McNally Main 206.
- The Oaks: The Basement Lounge at the Oaks, Gorsebrook Avenue, is a dedicated study space for IDS graduate and Honours students (902-491-8635)

The Counselling Centre

- The Counselling Centre at Saint Mary's University, located on the 4th floor of the Student Centre (counselling@smu.ca; 902-491-6248) provides services available to all current and registered students at SMU, including individual and personal counselling, academic and life skills coaching, and consultations. Please visit the Centre's website for a list of available resources and service: <http://www.smu.ca/campus-life/the-counselling-centre.html>

Campus Life

- From student housing, athletics, meal plans, career services, student employment options, and much more, the Campus Life website is a provides a wealth of information

that will help you navigate graduate studies at SMU: <http://www.smu.ca/campus-life/welcome.html>

IDS Graduate Student Listserv

- Graduate students in IDS are automatically subscribed to the IDS Graduate Student listserv: resgrad-l@smu.listserv.smu.ca. If you have not been signed up, or you have changed your email address, please contact the IDS Secretary, maria.zakharova@smu.ca.

Conflict Resolution

In cases where a conflict has arisen during the course of one's studies at Saint Mary's University, the IDS Program will, where appropriate, assist in supporting an appropriate resolution to the conflict, adhering to the principles of equity, fairness, sensitivity, and confidentiality. In cases where the conflict cannot be resolved at the Program level, or when it is more appropriate to seek assistance outside of the Program, the Conflict Resolution Office can assist in appropriate conflict resolution. Please visit the Office's website for further details: <http://www.smu.ca/about/conflict-resolution-office.html>

Saint Mary's University's *Policy on Conflict Resolution, Harassment and Discrimination* applies to all members of the University community and is available here: <http://www.smu.ca/webfiles/6-2013PolicyonConflictResolutionHarassmentandDiscrimination1.pdf>

*Contact the Conflict Resolution Office:

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Conflict Resolution Officer
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Masters Theses and Major Research Papers (2012-2018)

AMIDZIC, Ivana (2017) The Role of Religion in Alternative Development: The Case for more Holistic Development

BUCKNER, Martina (2017) High Mortality of Children Under Five Years in Ghana: The Contributory Role of Traditional or Customary Health Practices or Beliefs and Shortfalls of Government Health Policy Interventions

ERITOBOR, Elizabeth (2017) Women's Education and Development in Nigeria: A Content Analysis of Nussbaum's Capability Approach Applied to Women's Empowerment

LITHGOW, Matthew (2017) Analyzing the Environmental Injustices of Carbon Offsetting: The Limits of the California-REDD+ Linkage

MCPHERSON, Jill (2017) Agriculture Cooperatives and Food Sovereignty in Socialist Cuba

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