

October 2026

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: GDS 299	Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)					
Course Full Title: Special Topics in Development Studies I						
	Course Short Title: Spec Topics in Dev Studies I					
(Transcripts only display 30 characters. Departments may recommend a short title if one is needed. If left blank, one will be assigned.					blank, one will be assigned.)	
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences		Department (or program if no department): GDS				
Calendar Description:						
An examination of a selected topic within development studies that is not addressed in current course offerings. Topics may include, bu are not limited to, crisis and disaster relief, gender and development, and sustainable development.						
	Note: This course will be offered under different letter designations (e.g. C-Z) representing different topics. This course may be repeated for credit provided the letter designation differs.					
Note: Field trips outside of class time may be required.						
Prerequisites (or NONE): GDS 100 or 15 university-level credits.						
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE): None						
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE): None						
Antirequisite Courses (Cannot be taken for	r additional c	redit.)	Special Topics (Double-click on boxes to select.)			
Former course code/number:			This course is offered with different topics:			
Cross-listed with:			□ No ⊠ Yes (If yes, topic will be recorded when offered.)			
Dual-listed with:			Independent Study If offered as an Independent Study course, this course may be repeated for further credit: (If yes, topic will be recorded.) □ No □ Yes, repeat(s) □ Yes, no limit			
Equivalent course(s):						
(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit						
for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credi						
				er Credit		
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours			Transfer credit already exists: (See <u>bctransferguide.ca</u> .)			
Lecture/seminar hours		45	🛛 No			
Tutorials/workshops				outline for (re)articulatio		
Supervised laboratory hours				Yes (If yes, fill in trai	nster credit form.)	
Experiential (field experience, practicum, internship, etc.)			Grading System			
Supervised online activities			🛛 Lette	er Grades 🗌 Credit/No	o Credit	
Other contact hours:				Maximum enrolment (for information only): 36		
Total hours 45			Expected Frequency of Course Offerings:			
Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: No Yes Annually (Every semester, Fall only, annually, etc.)					only, annually, etc.)	
Department / Program Head or Director: Stephen Piper				Date approved:	March 3, 2020	
Faculty Council approval				Date approved:	May 5, 2020	
Dean/Associate VP: Jacqueline Nolte				Date approved:	May 5, 2020	
Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)				Date of posting:	June 26, 2020	
Undergraduate Education Committee (UE	C) approval			Date of meeting:	October 2, 2020	

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Define and discuss a specific topic in development studies.
- Identify and describe themes and debates deemed essential to an understanding of the topic.
- Explain the relationship between this topic and the broader field of development studies and practice.
- Explain regional, historical and ideological variations in approaches to the topic.
- Communicate a strong argument related to the topic.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

 \boxtimes Yes \square No, PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because

Typical Instructional Methods (*Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion.*) Lecture, seminar, classroom discussion. Lectures may include films and guest speakers. Field trips may be required.

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Text(s) and Resource Materials (If more space is required, download Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form.)						
	Author (surname, initials)	Title (article, book, journal, etc.)	Current ed.	Publisher	Year	
1.	Visvanathan, Nalini, Lynn Duggan, Nan Wiegersma and Laurie Nisonoff	The Women, Gender & Development Reader	\boxtimes	Zed	2011	
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						
Ree	quired Additional Supplies a	nd Materials (Software, hardware, tools, specialized c	lothing, etc.)			

Additional readings posted on BlackBoard.

Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting

	Final exam:	20%	Assignments:	35%	Field experience:	%	Presentations:	15%
	Midterm exam:	20%	Project:	%	Practicum:	%	Participation:	10%
	Quizzes/tests:	%	Lab work:	%	Shop work:	%	Total:	100%

Details (if necessary):

Typical Course Content and Topics

(If taught as Gender and Development)

- Women in Development (WID)
- Women and Development (WAD)
- Gender and Development (GAD)
- Mainstreaming Gender (MG)
- Neoliberalism and Gender
- The Feminization of Labour
- Global Restructuring and Survival Strategies
- Women and Microcredit
- Gender, Nature and Ecofeminism
- Women and Reproductive Rights
- Gender-based Violence, Femicide, FGM
- Women in Politics
- Moving Forward: New Social Movements, Community Kitchens, and Feminist NGOs.