

PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL COURSES IN THE **DEVS-eligible list** are offered every year and some may have limited openings for DEVS students. In some cases courses have been discontinued but must be 'grandfathered' for five years in the calendar.

For the most up-to-date course information students are advised to view the course timetable on the web at www.queensu.ca/registrar or check with the appropriate department. (We recognize that this process can be time consuming and are working on developing a more user friendly solution.)

FAQ - DEVS ELIGIBLE COURSES

1. Which courses can be used for DEVS-eligible units as part of a DEVS degree plan?

Only courses currently listed in the Arts and Science calendar as DEVS-eligible can be counted as DEVS-eligible in any given year. There are no exceptions to this rule, e.g. the undergraduate chair cannot approve courses on an ad-hoc basis, even when they seem to have common themes with other courses that are on the list. This is due to pedagogical and resource implications of adding courses, in both DEVS and in the departments that are offering them.

2. What if I take a course that gets removed from the list before I graduate? Will I lose that credit?

What counts is the eligibility of the course during the year that you took it. If a course is removed from the list for any reason, it will continue to count towards your degree for five years after the year in which it was removed.

3. What if I take a course that gets added to the list after I took it but before I graduate? Can I use that credit as DEVS-eligible?

What counts is the eligibility of the course during the year that you took it. Credit for the course won't be added after the fact.

4. How are courses added to and removed from the DEVS-eligible list?

The DEVS Curriculum Committee reviews requests for additions and deletions once a year, in the summer term, using the guidelines outlined below.

Students and faculty members can request that a course be added for the following academic year by submitting a request to Karen Vandermey (k.vandermey@queensu.ca) by May 31 prior to the summer in which you'd like the course to be considered. The form is available online [here](#) and should be submitted along with a copy of the course outline.

Again, please note that there are no exceptions to this rule.

Also, please note that with increasing enrollment and declining resources at Queen's, many departments are becoming reluctant to add their courses to our lists. Thus, it may be the case that, while we may very strongly desire to add a course, it won't be possible to do so.

5. What are the criteria for a course to be considered DEVS-eligible?

DEVS-eligible courses are focused on North-South relations, in that they:

- A. address themes not only *related* to development (e.g. globalization, gender), but in the *context of* development as such (e.g. the effects of neoliberal globalization on 'technology transfer' from north to south, possibilities and perils of Canadian-financed microcredit schemes for rural women in Pakistan);

AND/OR

- B. include theoretical paradigms, writers, texts, that are generally seen as being part of the field of Development Studies, and which students would likely have encountered in courses in our department;

AND/OR

- C. are focused on geographical areas and political identities upon which our program concentrates, i.e. the global south and indigenous peoples;

6. It seems to me that the criteria are more stringent than they used to be. Why can't I use what appear to be the less stringent criteria from the past?

In January 2009 we developed new criteria that are in line with the vision statement of the program, and have reviewed all existing courses to ensure that they meet these criteria. Some existing courses were dropped, and some new courses were added. In the future, all courses will be vetted according to these criteria. Because there are so many DEVS-eligible courses already, our feeling is that this doesn't unfairly limit the field.

7. I'm taking a (special topics course / regularly offered course that's being taught differently this year) that I think meets the DEVS-eligible criteria, but I don't see it on the list. Can I get credit for it?

What counts is the eligibility of the course during the year that you took it. Since special topics courses change according to who is instructing them, we can't approve them generically. Since there is a lot of consulting involved in approving courses, we can't include each particular course, in each particular year that it happens to be offered in a potentially DEVS-eligible way. Because there are so many DEVS-eligible courses already, our feeling is that this doesn't unfairly limit the field.

8. What about language course credits?

The courses that count for the DEVS-eligible language instruction portion of your degree are those on the DEVS-eligible language instruction course list.

The basic criteria here are:

1. Any course of study in which the primary focus is learning a living language is eligible.
2. Any level of study is eligible.

You can break up the units you need in any way that works for you – take 6.0 units in one language, 3.0 units in each of two different languages, etc.