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**2023-2024 Graduate Handbook**

# MA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES HANDBOOK 2022-2023

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# ORIENTATION

## **Welcome Message from the Chair of the MA International Studies Program**

Since the beginning of the twenty-first century, and especially in the past three years, it has been impossible to ignore the interconnectedness of our world. The COVID pandemic, continued instability in Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, war in Ukraine, food insecurity in Yemen and elsewhere: all of these daunting issues call us to think and act as global citizens. And the climate crisis, once “looming” but now ever-present, underpins and exacerbates every crisis—and defines our future.

There is no doubt that our world faces massive challenges, but there are also reasons to hope and to work toward a brighter future. UNBC’s MA International Studies program is dedicated to helping you understand the challenges of a changing, interconnected, and ever-more-globalized world. But we are also here to help you seize opportunities: to develop as a professional, to enhance your skills, and to be a force for positive change, whether it be at local, national, or global levels. Here is how we can help you, and why we are different from other Master’s programs.

We are a small, friendly program at a small, friendly university. UNBC and the MA INTS program provide you with a welcoming atmosphere and an easygoing place to work and study. You will find it easy to chat with us, about school or about the wider workings of the world, and you will build strong relationships with your colleagues in the INTS graduate cohort. We hope that you will feel the warmth of our welcome!

Our program is run jointly by two departments, the Department of Global and International Studies and the Department of Economics. In addition to having access to the faculty of both departments, we also draw supervisors from other programs on campus such as History, Political Science, Anthropology, and Ecosystem Science and Management.

We are dedicated to interdisciplinarity. Today’s international and global problems demand broad training, in multiple disciplines and from multiple perspectives. This is reflected in our focus on Global Development and Environment. Your coursework will incorporate this breadth.

As Chair of the MA International Studies program, I invite you to explore what we have to offer and to embrace the many opportunities for academic, professional, and personal growth that come with graduate study. If you have any questions, by all means, feel free to contact me.

Fiona MacDonald  
Chair, Department of Global and  
International Studies

***Program. Faculty. Location. The MA in International Studies at UNBC.***

The MA in International Studies at UNBC is focused on **Global Development and Environment**. Our program was revised in 2018 to reflect changing global issues and how they are analysed. Building on our more than 20 years of experience offering the INTS MA, the new program brings both sharper focus to the program and more choice for students.

Designed for students with broadly defined social science backgrounds, the program is structured so that coursework introduces key concepts, theoretical analysis, and practice in the themes of Global Development and Global Environment. In addition, students gain research expertise through the required course in Research Methods for Global Studies. Students may choose from a wide range of electives, and the program draws on courses from 11 different departments: an interdisciplinarian's dream. Many courses offer critical perspectives.

Analyzing Global Development as processes, the program allows students to choose from courses focusing on the Global South, on the High North, on Indigenous issues, and on global-local dynamics. The connections between development and environment are explored and addressed. The vibrant Global Fridays Speakers Series brings global issues and speakers regularly to your classroom.

All students are admitted into a coursework-based program allowing them to complete the program in two years. It is anticipated that most students will complete the coursework-based program. Depending on coursework performance and research topic, students can also apply during their studies to follow a traditional thesis-based program in which they have the opportunity to work in depth on a topic under the supervision of a faculty member. Alternatively, they may apply for the innovative major research paper-based program where students work with a faculty supervisor on a shorter piece.

Whichever option you take, you will be provided with the flexibility to pursue a program about which you are passionate that also provides you with the rigorous theoretical and methodological training required to be successful during your course of study and in your future workplace. International Studies is one of the most sought-after graduate degrees for individuals with professional interests in international and public policy, diplomacy, social science research, and non-governmental organizations. Our students have gone on to careers in the Canadian Foreign

Service, federal and provincial governments, child rights advocacy, international business relations, international environmental NGOs, climate change research institutes, academic institutions, and community development, to name a few.

The MA program is coordinated jointly by the Department of Global and International Studies and the Department of Economics and includes faculty from a number of other departments. These core *faculty*, available as potential supervisors, have research interests spanning Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Arctic and have conducted research in each of them as well as locally. They have research interests in areas such as globalization, critical/alternative development, health, environment, gender, feminism, extractivism, civil society, rural development, natural resources, human rights, Indigenous issues, business practices, and security studies. Our faculty have experience working for international organizations (such as the Asian Development Bank, the International Labour Organization, and the World Bank) and for NGOs (including founding one supporting rural development in Uganda). Faculty include teaching award winners (including national 3M level) and research award winners (including national level awards). They have been successful in obtaining grants from bodies such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the International Development Research Centre, which have included funding for graduate students.

As for *location*, UNBC is not like most Canadian universities. According to Statistics Canada, “in 2016, two out of three people (66%) lived within 100 kilometers of the southern Canada–United States border, an area that represents about 4% of Canada's territory” (The Daily, Feb 8, 2017). That is where most of Canada’s universities are also found. UNBC is not; it is found in a part of the 96%. Located in Prince George, British Columbia, it is a hilltop campus situated on the Traditional Territory of the Lheidli T'enneh, with a spectacular view of mountains far off to the east. Here you will discover a region that is beyond the experience of many Canadians: a region where Indigenous cultures are strong, where pristine wilderness confronts industrial resource development, where global influences and trade from rising Asia are re-shaping the economy, and where the impacts of climate change can be readily understood. UNBC is a unique and compelling location from which, and in which, to study **Global Development and Environment**. Don’t settle for the ordinary; go the extra kilometer to UNBC!

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IN MY FIRST TWO WEEKS AS A GRADUATE STUDENT IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT UNBC?

1. Select courses to be taken in the first year in consultation with Dr. Fiona MacDonald, Chair and Graduate Advisor (Go to pages 21 & 22 to see the courses available). To set up a meeting with Dr. Macdonald for your course selection, contact them via email ([fiona.macdonald@unbc.ca](mailto:fiona.macdonald@unbc.ca)).
  - a. Complete Course [Registration Form](#).

*Note: The graduate registration process has changed. Please review the information on the [Registration Guide](#) page before submitting the form. This form is submitted to the Office of the Registrar once completed. Please copy Ceyanna Meroniuk ([ceyanna.meroniuk@unbc.ca](mailto:ceyanna.meroniuk@unbc.ca)) when you submit your completed form.*
  - b. Review the Course Planning form (available on the INTS MA website) and the Graduate [Program Approval Form](#). The Course Planning Form will help you plan your program and make sure that your course selections fit the requirements of the program. You must complete the Program Approval Form *at the end* of your first semester. Make an appointment with Dr. Holler during the last month of the first semester (i.e., December or April) to complete this form.
2. Receive your Student Identification Card at the Cashier's Office (located in the Agora across from the Security Office). Payment of Fees will be required at this point!
3. Read carefully through the [2022/2023 Graduate Academic Calendar](#). The Graduate Calendar contains important information about graduate studies at UNBC, including all relevant policies and regulations.
4. Obtain an email account from the Computer Help Desk (located in the Lab Building, 8-265, Phone: (250) 960-5321, Email: [support@unbc.ca](mailto:support@unbc.ca)). You require an official UNBC email account for all communications and for accessing e-learning technology in your courses.
5. Please find enclosed, on page 28 of the Handbook, information from the Graduate Student Society (GSS) on the location of the Graduate Lounge and other information they can provide you.
6. ***Attend chosen classes!***
7. Plan to attend the INTS Graduate Program Orientation and the Annual Welcome Reception for incoming and continuing graduate students. Check your email for the invitations (and make a habit of checking your UNBC email every weekday!).
8. Mark down the Global Friday Speaker Series dates in your calendar (this will be happening virtually this year). Attending the Global Friday Speaker Series regularly is invaluable to your graduate student experience at UNBC and provides an opportunity to hear and meet leading scholars and practitioners in the field. For more information see: <http://www.unbc.ca/international-studies/global-friday>. It is also required for your program, since you must attend Global Fridays as part of the required colloquium course INTS 702-0.5.
9. Check out the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (<http://www.casid-acedi.ca/membership>). If you are a first-year graduate student in the MA International Studies, the department will pay for your membership in this Association for the first year. If you would like to become a member of the Association, please see Ceyanna Meroniuk ([ceyanna.meroniuk@unbc.ca](mailto:ceyanna.meroniuk@unbc.ca))
10. Check out the Prince George chapter (<https://thecic.org/branches/prince-george/>) of the Canadian International Council (<https://thecic.org/about/>). All INTS MA students are entitled to free student memberships, sponsored by the department.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Faculty and graduate students have offered some words of advice to help new students through some of the difficulties often experienced during graduate studies. We hope this 20/20 hindsight will help you avoid some of the common pitfalls experienced by graduate students and sail through your studies here at UNBC.

- **MEET PEOPLE!** Get to know your fellow graduate students since they will be your most important resources during your course studies at UNBC and time in Prince George. This includes students who are ahead of you in the program – they are likely to be happy to answer your questions from everything about how to find an apartment and to navigate the academic resources on campus.
- **GET TO KNOW A LIBRARIAN!** Pay a visit to the university library and ask a librarian to show you around and learn about the resources available to you. We have some of the most knowledgeable and nicest librarians in the business – go meet them! The subject librarian for Gender Studies is Kat Louro, ([kat.louro@unbc.ca](mailto:kat.louro@unbc.ca)) you can set up an appointment with her for research help through <https://library.unbc.ca/>.
- **PREP FOR SUCCESS!** The Academic Success Centre <http://www.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre> has several handouts <http://www.unbc.ca/academic-success-centre/proposal-and-thesis-writing-tools> and resources for thesis writing and research. It is in your best interest to peruse these materials as they contain important information that will help you through many academic challenges.
- **EXPLORE NATURE!** Take the time to explore the fantastic natural areas around Prince George such as Forests for the World (on campus!) or the Ancient Forest a short drive nearby. There is a multitude of hiking trails to enjoy all summer long. In addition, world-famous tourist destination Jasper National Park is only 4 hours away by car for more hiking and camping. A good place to find out about all this is to check out the student-run Outdoors Club (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNBCOutdoorsClub/>) or the community-based Caledonia Ramblers (<https://caledoniarblers.ca>).
- **GET OUTSIDE!** If you are not accustomed to the long Canadian winter, the best way to enjoy it and avoid ‘cabin fever’ is to learn to play in the snow. For instance, try snowshoeing around the university hill; learn to cross-country ski at Otway Nordic Ski Centre; downhill ski or snowboard at the Hart Ski Hill, Tabor Mountain, Purden Ski Village, or Powder King; ice skate at the Ice Oval by the bottom of the university hill; take up curling; or even fish on a frozen lake. This is the best way to get sunshine; in addition, exercise and fresh air clear your mind and offer an exciting escape from your reading and papers! Getting active outside is also a great way to meet people in the community.



- PREFER THE INDOORS? If you want to try and avoid the winter cold or summer heat, there are plenty of indoor activities available as well. Located just down the road from the university is the [Aquatic Centre](#), one of two of Prince George's indoor pools. Downtown (but still reachable by bus) is the [Canfor Leisure Pool](#). This pool was just recently built and offers many great options for anyone looking for a place to swim. There are [indoor ice skating](#) rinks available during the winter months that will limit your exposure to the cold. Please check out the City of Prince George webpage for information on skating times and locations. Check out your [local community centre/hall](#) for any events they may be hosting as well. [The Prince George Public Library](#) hosts a wide variety of events, even some that involve graduate students. Check out their website for more information.
- CHECK OUT LOCAL ARTS! Prince George is home to [Theatre Northwest](#), a professional theatre organization. Prince George also has community theatre and improv groups (e.g. Nechako Community Theatrics Society.) Interested in live music? Many of the locally run restaurants host live music nights weekly or monthly. Check out a variety of local restaurant's FaceBook pages to learn when they are hosting musicians. [The Omineca Arts Centre](#) also hosts a variety of events as well as live music. The City of Prince George had a list of local community events on [their website](#). [The Two Rivers Art Gallery](#) is located in downtown Prince George and is a great place to visit to see local artist's work. It wouldn't be a section about the arts without mentioning [Studio 2880](#). Check out their wide variety of events, groups, and more that are open to all.

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MA  
INTERNATIONAL  
STUDIES  
INFORMATION

## MA INTS Program Requirements

UNBC's innovative and interdisciplinary Master's degree in International Studies focuses on two of the most pressing and interlinked issues of our time: Global Development and Environment. The program draws on courses from 11 different graduate programs and is managed jointly by the Department of Economics and the Department of Global and International Studies.

Broadly understood as processes that affect people(s), regions and/or countries in the Global South and northern areas including the Arctic, global development is examined from multiple perspectives. These perspectives include those of international agencies and civil society organizations. Both mainstream and critical approaches to development studies are examined. The challenges facing the global environment and potential solutions are analysed. Interactions between global development and the environment and between local and global scales are examined.

Financial assistance in the form of teaching assistantships is available to some full-time students, in accordance with University regulations.

### Requirements

All students are normally admitted into a course-based program. Students wishing to transfer to a thesis- or a research paper-based program may apply to do so after completing 12 credit hours and in accordance with program rules.

Students are required to take courses which satisfy requirements in (i) global development; (ii) research methods; (iii) global environment; and (v) two elective courses. Courses may be taken in any order.

### Stage 1. Foundational Coursework Program (16 credit hours)

#### A. Required Courses

##### *Global Development: Theory and Institutions*

One of:

<u><b>ECON 601-3</b></u>	Global Economy and Development
<u><b>ECON 604-3</b></u>	Poverty, Inequality and Development
<u><b>INTS 620-3</b></u>	International Regimes
<u><b>POLS 615-3</b></u>	Comparative Northern Development

## **Global Environment: Policies and Practices**

<b><u>ANTH 613-3</u></b>	Environmental Anthropology
<b><u>ECON 625-3</u></b>	Trade and the Environment
<b><u>HIST 704-3</u></b>	Themes in Environmental History
<b><u>INTS 621-3</u></b>	Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction
<b><u>INTS 670-3</u></b>	International Environmental Policy
<b><u>NRES 703-3</u></b>	Integrated Resource Management

### **Research Methods**

<b><u>INTS 700-3</u></b>	Research Methods in Global Studies
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### **Colloquia**

<b><u>INTS 702.05</u></b>	Graduate Colloquia*
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\*All students must complete Graduate Colloquia INTS 702.05 *twice* during their program of study.

### **B. Electives:**

Two of:

<b><u>ANTH 601-3</u></b>	Anthropological Perspectives on Inequality
<b><u>ANTH 604-3</u></b>	Comparative Study of Indigenous Peoples in the World
<b><u>ECON 610-3</u></b>	Health Economics
<b><u>ECON 611-3</u></b>	Cost-Benefit Analysis
<b><u>ENVS 602-3</u></b>	Environmental and Natural Resources Issues and Ethics
<b><u>FNST 606-3</u></b>	Indigenous Issues in International Perspective
<b><u>FNST 607-3</u></b>	Indigenous Perspectives on Race, Class, Gender and Power
<b><u>FNST 613-3</u></b>	Themes in Aboriginal Women's Studies
<b><u>GEOG 603-3</u></b>	First Nations and Indigenous Geographies
<b><u>GEOG 626-3</u></b>	Geographies of Culture, Rights and Power
<b><u>GNDR 611-3</u></b>	Contemporary Feminist Theories

<b><u>GNDR 613-3</u></b>	Themes in Aboriginal Women's Studies
<b><u>HIST 702-3</u></b>	Themes in Indigenous History
<b><u>ORTM 603-3</u></b>	International Dimensions of Recreation and Tourism
<b><u>POLS 613-3</u></b>	Democracy and Diversity

Additional courses from the Global Development and Global Environment options can also be selected as electives.

## Stage 2. Program Completion (9 - 12 credit hours)

After completing Stage 1, The Foundational Coursework Program, students then complete one of the following:

- i) **a course-based program** requiring 9 credit hours of further graduate coursework. Students in the course-based program must complete at least 6 credit hours of coursework from the Global Development options, 6 credit hours from the Global Environment options, and have courses from at least three different subject areas.
  
- ii) **a research paper-based program** requiring 6 credit hours of further graduate coursework from all courses listed above (at least 3 credit hours of which must be from the Global Development or Global Environment options) and a 3 credit hour Research Paper (**INTS 797-3**). Students must apply to the Graduate Advisor for transfer into the research-paper program after completing Stage 1 Foundational Coursework. Transfer will be approved by the Chair on the basis of academic achievement in coursework and the availability of a supervisor for the Research Paper
  
- iii) **a thesis-based program** requiring a 12 credit hour thesis (**INTS 799-12**). Students must apply to the Graduate Advisor for transfer into the thesis program after completing Stage 1 Foundational Coursework. Transfer will be granted on the basis of academic excellence in coursework and the availability of a supervisor for the thesis.

NOTE: All course selections (and course substitutions) require Chair approval.



## INTS 702-.5 Graduate Colloquia

Dr. Fiona MacDonald

UNBC, FALL 2023

Office: ADM 3058

Office hours: Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:30–12:30PM and by appointment

Global studies (GS) is a holistic, broad, and multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary field that is emerging as one of the most dynamic (inter)disciplines in academia. GS comprises study of political, economic, environmental, biological, cultural, and social phenomena using a variety of methods and approaches. INTS 702 is designed to introduce you to different research questions, methods, and fields within global studies. Engaging with research presentations organized by the Global Fridays (GF) committee, you will increase your awareness of the field and your knowledge of research themes and methods.

*This course is graded on a pass/fail basis.* Students in the MA INTS program are required to enroll in and pass the course *twice* during their programs of study to complete their degree requirements.

If this is your first time taking the course, welcome to your MA program! If this is your second go-round, you are well on your way to completing your coursework. Either way, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns as the semester progresses. Dropping by during office hours is a great way for you to introduce yourself and for me to get to know you.

### REQUIREMENTS

This course requires you to attend/view Global Fridays (GF) presentations scheduled for fall 2023.

At the end of the semester (16 December 2023), students must submit a dossier comprising **SIX (6) seminar reports**. Each of these reports must be 700 words long (approximately two double-spaced pages). Though the reports are not due until the end of the semester, I urge you not to wait until the end of term to complete them. Instead, try to complete them as you attend or watch the presentations throughout the semester.

**The schedule of presentations** will be available (usually by mid-September) at <https://www.unbc.ca/global-international-studies/global-friday-speakers-series>. Seminars are normally held on Fridays from 1200 to 1300 (Pacific), but webcasts are made available on the Global Fridays website after each presentation.

There is no need to do external research for the reports, but you are welcome to include external information that you find useful. However, the focus of these reports should be on a close description and analysis of the sessions themselves. Therefore, each report must include two sections: (A) Description and (B) Analysis.

**Section A** should be about 350 words and should include:

- the seminar's title and date
- the name of the presenter
- the presenter's institutional and departmental affiliation (e.g., "Department of Earth System Science, Stanford University, USA")
- field(s) of study (for example, environmental science or sociology)
- research question that the seminar addresses
- research methods/nature of data used for research
- results/findings/argument (as applicable)

**Section B** should be about 350 words in length and should include your analysis of the presentation. Try to answer at least three of these questions:

- what is the significance of the topic? That is, is it important? To whom and why?
- what is the significance of the findings? That is, what effect might they have on scholarly understanding of the topic, on policy, etc.?
- what is the scale of the presentation? Global processes occur at local, regional, national, and international levels. On which did the presentation focus?
- how does the presentation relate to themes, ideas, arguments, and data discussed in your classes this term?
- how does the presentation alter or add to your understanding of globalization and global studies more generally?

To pass INTS 702, you must hand in all six (6) reports **by 430 PM on Friday 16 December 2023** and meet the minimum standards stated above.

Please feel free to reach out to me throughout the semester with any questions or concerns, and **welcome to INTS 702!**☺

## Course selection for students in INTS MA

Fall 2023–Winter 2024

<b>RED</b>	=MEETS Global Development requirement (Choose 1 in Stage 1)
<b>GREEN</b>	= MEETS Global Environment requirement (Choose 1 in Stage 1)
<b>BLUE</b>	= REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS
<b>PURPLE</b>	=Electives (choose 2). You may also choose as electives any of the options from Global Development and Global Environment that you have not already chosen, but you must graduate with courses from THREE discipline areas/course codes (e.g., INTS, ECON, HIST).

### NOTE:

1. *The above requirements refer to STAGE ONE coursework only. Students completing the coursework or research paper program in STAGE TWO will require further coursework.*
2. *COURSES OUTSIDE INTS may require specialized disciplinary background or particular skills (e.g., quantitative analysis, background in a particular social science). Please consult the course schedule and professor for any prerequisites or required background.*

### Fall 2023

**ECON 604 - Poverty, Inequality and Development** – Dr. Fiona MacPhail (3 credits)  
**INTS 700 – Research Methods in Global Studies** – Dr. Gabrielle Daoust (3 credits)  
**INTS 702 – Graduate Colloquia** – (0.5 Credit Hours) \* *This course must be taken twice in order for you to graduate; however, it can be taken any time during your time here.*  
**ANTH 610 – Theory of Nation and State** – Dr. Michel Bouchard (3 credits)  
**ENSC 625 – Climate Change & Global Warming** – Dr. Youmin Tang (3 credits)  
**GEOG 620 – Environmental Justice** – Dr. Zoe Meletis (3 credits)  
**INTS 698 – Gender, Peace, and Security** – Dr. Luna KC (3 credits)  
**POLS 613 – Democracy & Diversity** – Dr. Michael Murphy (3 credits)  
**POLS 698 – Politics of Polarization** – Dr. Fiona MacDonald (3 credits)

### Winter 2024

**ECON 710 – Macroeconomic Policy for Development** – Dr. Leandro Freylejer (3 credits)  
**INTS 702 – Graduate Colloquia** – (0.5 Credit Hours) \* *This course must be taken twice in order for you to graduate; however, it can be taken any time during your time here.*  
**ENVS 631 – Global Environmental Policy: Energy & Climate** – Dr Sinead Earley (3 credits)  
**INTS 621 –Political Economy of Natural Resource Extraction** – Dr. Gabrielle Daoust (3 credits)  
**INTS 625 – Sustainability Problem Solving** – Dr. Tristan Pearce (3 credits)  
**NRES 798 – Special Topics in NRES: Anthropocene**– TBA (3 credits)  
**ANTH 698– Contemporary Indigenous Issues in Africa** – Dr. Shauna Latosky (3 credits)  
**INTS 650 Pacific Affairs**– Dr. Jason Lacharité (3 credits)  
**INTS 660 – Canadian Foreign Policy** – Dr. Heather Smith (3 credits)  
**ENVS 602 – Environmental & Natural Resources Issues & Ethics**- Dr. Annie Booth (3 credits)  
**GEOG 603 – First Nations and Indigenous Geographies** – Dr. Tristan Pearce (3 credits)  
**GNDR 611 – Contemporary Feminist Theories** –Dr. Luna KC (3 credits)  
**GNDR 616 – Gender & Politics** – Dr. Fiona MacDonald (3 credits)  
**HIST 708 – Themes in Social History: Policing** – Dr. Max Hamon (3 credits)

## INTS MA Course Planning Form

Student Name:

Student number:

Date of entry:

### Stage 1. Basic Coursework: 16 credits required

Requirement	Course taken	Semester Completed
Global Development Option*		
Global Environment Option†		
INTS 702.-5	INTS 702.-5	
INTS 702.-5	INTS 702.-5	
INTS 700-3	INTS 700-3	
ELECTIVE**		
ELECTIVE **		

\* **choose from** ECON 601-3/INTS 607-3; ECON 604-3; INTS 620-3; POLS 615-3

† **choose from** ANTH 613-3; ECON 625-3; HIST 704-3; INTS 621-3; NRES 703-3

\*\* **choose from** ANTH 601-3, ANTH 604-3, ECON 610-3, ECON 611-3, ENVS 602-3, FNST 606-3, FNST 607-3, FNST 613-3/GNDR 613-3, GEOG 603-3, GEOG 626-3, GNDR 611-3, HIST 702-3, ORTM 603-3, POLS 613-3

### Stage 2. Program Completion. 9–12 credits required. Please check and complete appropriate section.

COURSEWORK PROGRAM

Requirement	Course taken	Semester Completed
Global Development Option*		
Global Environment Option†		
Elective		

listed courses include three (3) subject areas

THESIS PROGRAM

Requirement	Course taken	Semester Completed
INTS 799-12	INTS 799-12	

RESEARCH PAPER PROGRAM

Requirement	Course taken	Semester Completed
INTS 797-3	INTS 797-3	
Global Development or Environment course*†		
Elective		

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## **MA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM RULES\***

\* Note: This document does not supersede the rules and regulations set out in the official UNBC Graduate Calendar.

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The Calendar states that:

“All students are normally admitted into a course-based program. Students wishing to transfer to a thesis or a research paper-based program may apply to do so after completing 12 credit hours and in accordance with program rules.”

The Program Rules for Transfer apply to the thesis and research-paper options.

All students applying for a Transfer must have a minimum average grade of A- in their first 12 credits of coursework.

In addition, students applying for the thesis option must include:

- i) A letter of support from a supervisor (faculty eligible to serve as supervisors in the program are listed below);
- ii) A thesis proposal of at least 10 pages in length and a bibliography of at least 3 pages.

Students applying for the major research paper option must include:

- i) A letter of support from a supervisor (faculty eligible to serve as supervisors in the program are listed below);
- ii) A description of the type of research output expected (e.g., policy note, encyclopedia entry, newspaper article) together with potential targeted publication(s);
- iii) A paper proposal of at least 3 pages in length and a bibliography of at least 1 page.

Applications are made to the Chair and can be made at any time after the completion of 12 credit hours of coursework.

Eligible supervisors:

Nathan Andrews, Adjunct Professor, Political Science (McMaster University)

Paul Bowles, Professor, Economics and Global and International Studies

Gabrielle Daoust, Assistant Professor, Global and International Studies

Karima Fredj, Associate Professor, Economics

Leandro Freylejer, Assistant Professor, Economics

Jacqueline Holler, Professor, History

Liam Kelly, Assistant Professor, Economics

Fiona MacPhail, Professor, Economics

Agnieszka (Agnes) Pawlowska-Mainville, Associate Professor, Global and International Studies

Tristan Pearce, Associate Professor, Geography

Jalil Safaei Borojeny, Professor, Economics

Angèle Smith, Associate Professor, Anthropology  
Heather Smith, Professor, Global and International Studies  
Gary Wilson, Professor, Political Science

Students admitted into the thesis option will be directed by a Supervisory Committee, will make a public presentation of their proposal once it has been approved by the Committee, and will have an oral defence of the thesis in accordance with Office of Graduate Programs regulations.

# UNBC RESOURCES

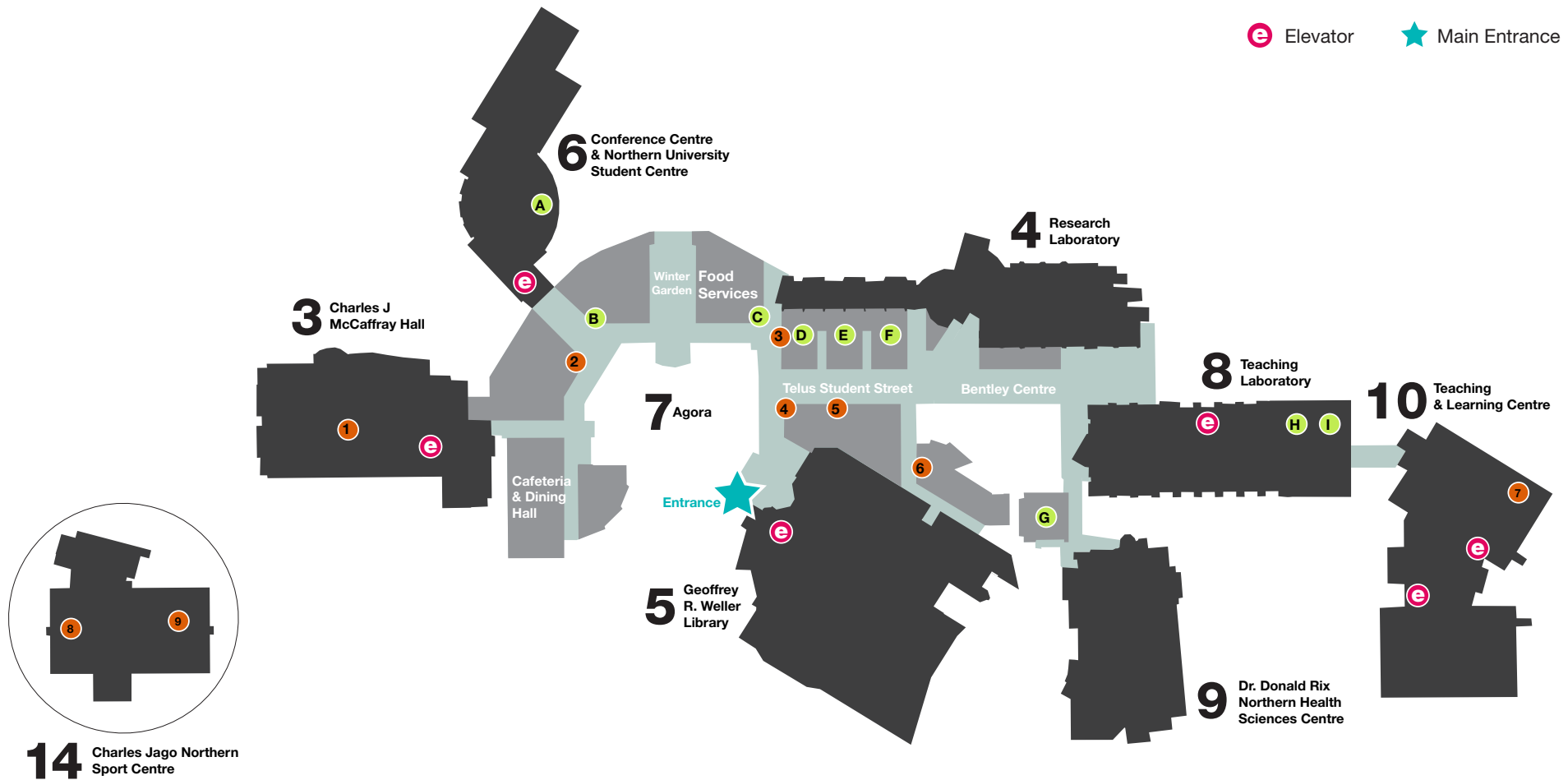
# Prince George Campus Building Directory

Room numbers include building code prefixes. For example, room 5-152 is located in the Geoffrey R. Weller Library (Building 5), and room 8-322 is located in the Teaching Laboratory (Building 8).

The first number after the building code prefix indicates the floor level on which the room is located. For example, room 10-4520 is located on the fourth floor in the Teaching and Learning Centre (Building 10).

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|---|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Human Resources         | A | Canfor Theatre         |
| 2 | UNBC Bookstore          | B | Weldwood Theatre 7-238 |
| 3 | Security                | C | Lecture Theatre 7-212  |
| 4 | Recruitment & Advising  | D | Lecture Theatre 7-150  |
| 5 | Office of the Registrar | E | Lecture Theatre 7-152  |
| 6 | First Nations Centre    | F | Lecture Theatre 7-158  |
| 7 | Continuing Studies      | G | Lecture Theatre 7-200  |
| 8 | Gymnasium               | H | Lecture Theatre 7-164  |
| 9 | Field House             | I | Lecture Theatre 7-166  |

 Elevator     Main Entrance





# NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA GRADUATE STUDENTS' SOCIETY (NBCGSS)



## NBCGSS Services

Download the NBCGSS Mobile app here:

[NBCGSS Mobile App on Google Play](#)

[NBCGSS Mobile App on iTunes](#)

## Helpful Links

[Access Resource Centre](#)

[Academic Success Centre](#)

[Alumni](#)

[Career Centre](#)

[Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology \(CTLT\)](#)

[Childcare Centre](#)

[First Nation Centre](#)

[Northern Women's Centre](#)

[Office of Graduate Administration](#)

[UNBC Medical Clinic](#)

## On Campus Services

[Degrees Coffee Company](#)

[Thirsty Moose Pub](#)

[CFUR Radio Station](#)

[Northern Pride Centre](#)

[Northern Undergraduate Student Society \(NUGSS\)](#)

[Over The Edge Newspaper](#)

[Prince George Public Interest Research Group \(PGPIRG\)](#)

## STUDENT COMPUTER LABS

Student [Computer Lab](#) Locations:

- 7-105 General Purpose - First Nations Centre
- 8-127 Teaching Only
- 8-129 Teaching Only
- 8-362 General Purpose and Teaching **\*\* (open 24 hrs 7 days a week) \*\***
- 8-364 General Purpose and Teaching
- 8-365 General Purpose and Teaching
- 10-3034 General Purpose and Teaching

**Lab Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 9:00 pm \*\***

**For more information on Student Lab configurations please choose a lab**

**If you have inquires, comments, or concerns please visit the [IT Service Desk](#)**

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### SERVICE DESK

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The Computer Helpdesk is here to assist faculty, staff and students with all of their computing needs. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, we are always happy to assist in any way we can.

[IT Services for Students](#)

**Location:**

Second floor of the Teaching Lab, room (8-265).

**Service Desk Hours:**

*Spring & Summer*

Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

\*\*\*\*\*Closed Saturday & Sunday\*\*\*\*\*

*Fall & Winter*

Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm

\*\*\*\*\*Student Assistance only\*\*\*\*\*

Weekends 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

\*\*\*\*\*Student Assistance only\*\*\*\*\*

**Contact:**

Telephone: 250-960-5321

Toll Free: 866-960-5321

Email: [support@unbc.ca](mailto:support@unbc.ca)

**ALL GRADUATE  
FORMS CAN BE  
FOUND AT:**

**[http://www.unbc.ca/  
graduatestudies](http://www.unbc.ca/graduatestudies)**

**please refer to this  
site for ALL graduate  
information**

## Supportive Resources for UNBC Students



# Seeking Support? There's Help. YOU MATTER.

### Mental Health

Counselling Services (for all campuses): **250-960-6369**  
**wellness@unbc.ca**

Hours of operation are 9 am - 4 pm, Monday to Friday, closed from 12-1 pm, evening sessions Tuesdays until 7 pm. Free sessions are offered in person, over telephone or video. Walk-in sessions are available. Please call to book an appointment.

Counsellor, Focusing on racialized students, Joyce Henley:  
**250-960-6369**

UNBC Medical Clinic: **250-960-6370**  
**clinic@unbc.ca**

Available to all registered students at UNBC. Hours of operation are 9 am - 4 pm, Monday to Friday, closed 12-1:15 pm.

Here2talk (Canada wide toll free): **1-877-857-3397**  
**https://here2talk.ca**

Free mental health counselling and referral service that provides year-round, 24-7 mental health support services for all B.C. post-secondary students regardless of whether they live in Canada or abroad. Call or download the app.

Empower Me (Toll free, 24/7): **1-833-628-5589**  
Counselling, consulting and life coaching offered to students in Canada or the US.

Northern BC Crisis Line: **1-888-562-1214**  
Youth Crisis Line: **1-888-564-8336** or Text **250-564-8336**

### Campus Wellness

Northern Pride Centre: **prideunbc@gmail.com**

First Nations Centre: **250-960-5772**

Interfaith Spiritual Care Centre: **250-960-5285**

Residential School Support (National 24-7 crisis line): **1-866-925-4419**

Northern Women's Centre: **empower@unbc.ca**

### Personal Safety

UNBC Campus Security: **250-960-7058**, Call or download the **UNBC Safe App**

### Sexual Violence and Misconduct

UNBC: **https://www2.unbc.ca/sexual-violence**

Prince George Sexual Assault Centre: **250-564-8302**

University Hospital of Northern British Columbia: **250-565-2000**

UNBC Medical Clinic: **250-960-6370**

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OTHER  
RESOURCES AND  
INFORMATION

## FINANCIAL AWARDS AND ASSISTANCE

Funding your graduate education can be a challenge. Make sure you invest time in finding out what funding opportunities are available to you from UNBC and other external sources. Below is a list of some places to start. Do not leave this for the last minute, and make note of upcoming deadlines (many are in the fall and spring). Apply early and often!

If you have questions about applying for UNBC Awards and Financial Aid, contact [awards@unbc.ca](mailto:awards@unbc.ca) or 250-960-6319.

### **UNBC Teaching Assistantships**

There are a small number of UNBC TAships available in International Studies. Graduate students in INTS are also eligible for TAships in other departments for which they are qualified. Available positions are posted on the Human Resources Career Opportunities webpage.

Visit: <https://www.unbc.ca/career-opportunities/current-graduate-teaching-assistantship-postings>

### **Research Assistantships**

Research Assistantships become available when INTS MA faculty members secure external research grants. Students are normally approached by faculty holding grants to work as research assistants.

### **UNBC Awards and Financial Aid**

Check out the Office of Graduate Programs webpage (<http://www.unbc.ca/financial-aid>) for information about potential university and outside funding for your studies. Don't forget to also check out the Office of Graduate Programs' on-line Scholarship, Bursary and Award Guide at <https://www.unbc.ca/graduate-programs/awards/awards-and-scholarships-introduction> .

UNBC offers internal grants to graduate students for research and conference expenses: a valuable resource if you are conducting field research or presenting a paper. See <https://www.unbc.ca/research/internal-funding-opportunities> for more information.

### **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Scholarships**

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada offers graduate scholarships for Canadian students.

Visit: <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/> and click on "Search for Funding".

### **Funding for International Students**

If you are an international student, the Government of Canada has a limited number of scholarships available for non-Canadian students. <http://www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx?lang=eng>

### **Funding related to Global Environmental Policy**

If you are considering a topic related to climate change, visit the fellowships section of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS). INTS MA students have been awarded these highly competitive fellowships in recent years.

Visit: <http://pics.uvic.ca/fellowships/graduate>

### **Funding related to International Development**

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has several scholarships for Masters students to support field research.

Visit: <https://www.idrc.ca/en>

### **Funding related to Regional Studies**

The Regional Studies Association (RSA) offers conference travel awards for students.

Visit: <https://www.regionalstudies.org/>

## **INTERNSHIPS**

Internships (paid or unpaid) are a great way to put your research into practice during or after your MA studies. It is ever more common for internships to be a platform for launching a future career. Below are some Canadian and international programs relevant for students with an International Studies background.

### **United Nations (UN) Internship Programme**

The UN provides opportunities for students enrolled in a graduate programme to undertake an internship at its Headquarters in New York, Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Bangkok, Beirut and Santiago.

Visit: <http://www.un.org/>

### **World Bank Internship Program**

This paid internship seeks candidates in economics, finance, human development (public health, education, nutrition, and population), social science (anthropology, sociology), agriculture, environment, private sector development, as well as other related fields. Fluency in English is required.

Visit: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/about/careers/programs-and-internships/internship>

### **Asian Development Bank (ADB) Internship Program**

The Internship Program is a project-oriented learning opportunity for graduate students to gain experience through research assignments based on ADB's current operational needs. ADB advertises internship assignments three times per year and welcomes motivated, open-minded, and self-directed individuals to apply.

Visit: <https://www.adb.org/site/careers/internship-program>

### **Oxfam Internships and Volunteering**

Oxfam is one of the largest international non-governmental organizations in the world with offices in dozens of countries.

Visit: <http://oxf.am/Jiv>

### **Human Rights Watch (HRW) Internships**

Human Rights Watch offers internship opportunities in many of their global offices. Internship descriptions vary but may include desk research, drafting documents, assisting with event planning, helping researchers prepare for missions, monitoring human rights developments in various countries, data analysis, liaising with current and prospective donors, and engaging in advocacy efforts aimed at curtailing human rights violations.

Visit: <http://www.hrw.org/about/volunteering>

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Below are some websites that are helpful for employment in the public and non-profit sectors once you have completed your studies.

### **International Development Jobs and Consulting Opportunities**

Charity Village is the top Canadian source for Canada non-profit news, non-profit jobs, non-profit funding, non-profit training and more.

Visit: <http://charityvillage.com/>

DevNetJobs - This website contains hundreds of international development jobs around the world.

Visit: <http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

Development/Environment Jobs - This is a development and environmental policy jobs listings site run by the Guardian newspaper in the UK.

Visit: <http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

### **Policy Jobs in Canada/Abroad**

Canadian Foreign/Diplomatic Service:

Careers in Global Affairs Canada are global in scale, offering you a wealth of international perspectives that increase your professional skills and expand your cultural perceptions.

Visit: <https://www.international.gc.ca/gac-amc/careers-carrieres/index.aspx?lang=eng>

Federal Government Jobs- Website with links to jobs in the Canadian government and working in Canada.

Visit: <http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/>

### **United Nations**

Career opportunities with the *United Nations* and related links.

Visit: <https://careers.un.org/lbw/Home.aspx>

## **CONSIDERING FURTHER GRADUATE STUDIES?**

Many of our graduates have gone onto further graduate studies. If you are seriously considering pursuing further graduate studies, speak to the INTS MA Graduate Advisor about applying to other masters and doctoral programs in Canada and abroad.

## **CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) is the main national association relating to international development. CASID's mandate is to promote new knowledge in the field of international development. CASID promotes networking among students, academics, researchers, policy-makers and practitioners, and the dissemination of knowledge. In addition to its annual conference, CASID sponsors workshops across the country.



Last year, UNBC's International Development Society obtained funding from CASID and held a workshop on the Millennium Development Goals. CASID runs a listserv which includes discussion of development issues as well as job announcements. CASID membership also includes subscription to the Canadian Journal of Development Studies.

If you would like to become a member of CASID, the program will pay for your membership for the first year. Please download the form from [www.casid-acedi.ca](http://www.casid-acedi.ca), complete it, and give it to Dr. Jacqueline Holler.