

Welcome everyone,

It's my pleasure to welcome you to International Development Studies! Whether you are a new or returning student, we are delighted you have chosen IDS at Dalhousie in pursuing your academic career. The IDS department is enthusiastic to be seeing many familiar faces and meeting new ones! We are looking forward to learning with and from you.

If you are just starting in IDS, you will be engaging with the causes and consequences of global poverty, inequality, and social injustice. If you are a returning student, you appreciate that to meet these challenges equitably and sustainably, our vision must be both global and local. Our approach to Development Studies is 'critical', grounded in inter- and transdisciplinary research and pedagogy.

The IDS faculty and staff are proud of our reputation as one of Canada's top development studies programs and we are committed to maintaining standards of excellence, while also providing our students with the support and opportunities you need.

I invite you to visit the IDS office and our various faculty. Never hesitate to ask for our help when you have questions or concerns. We are committed to supporting you and to your success and I am confident that you will graduate from IDS and leave your mark in this world, as have so many of our [IDS graduates](#).

We are looking forward to an exciting year, full of interesting events. Students bring vibrancy to our program and I encourage you to get involved in the numerous activities on offer in IDS, at Dalhousie, and in the Halifax community. If you want to get involved, you can join the IDS student society (IDEAS) or volunteer at a local organisation.

If you want to talk with me, I would be happy to meet. Please just email and we can arrange a meeting or come by during my office hours.

I hope to see you soon,

Theresa Ulicki

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