1. Where can I find information regarding the IDS programs, advising information, course information, contact information etc.?  
   ✓ Visit this website: http://www.mcgill.ca/isid/teaching-programs/undergraduate/intd

2. Can I do a double Major/Minor for my entire degree?  
   ✓ Yes, there are many combinations of programs that students can complete according to the Multi-track system.
   ✓ For more information on the multi-track system and examples of program combinations please visit http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/ba/departmental/
   ✓ Degree planning can be arranged with your Faculty program adviser. Please visit the OASIS website for additional details.
   ✓ http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/
   ✓ However, if you have already decided in which disciplines you would like to complete major(s) or minor(s) in, you must contact the respective departments. For departmental information please see http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/ba/departmental/adviser
   ✓ Note: Students who are pursuing programs in IDS are HIGHLY recommended to pursue another Major Concentration in another non-interdisciplinary program ex. Political Science, History, Economics etc.

3. What courses should I be taking in my first year as an IDS Major Concentration student?  
   ✓ Students can also start taking Complimentary Stream courses. See FAQ 4.

4. I am interested in two different Streams. Can I take complimentary courses from both Streams?  
   ✓ No, students MUST choose one Stream to follow and take courses which are approved for that Stream ONLY. The Streams were created so that each Stream has a different focus.

5. Program rules state: “In their complete program . . . students must complete a minimum of 9 credits each from two disciplines.” What does this mean? Does this include Required and Introductory Complimentary courses?  
   ✓ Yes, this rule includes Required and introductory complimentary courses in addition to Complimentary Stream courses. Everyone will automatically have fulfilled their first discipline of 9 credits in Economics, as there are 9 credits (3 courses) of Required ECON courses [ECON 208, 313, 314]. It is the students’ responsibility to make sure to complete 9 credits (3 courses) in a discipline other than Economics, from their Introductory Complimentary and Complimentary Stream options.

6. Program rules state: “In their complete program, students can take a maximum of 12 credits from any discipline . . .” What does this mean? Does this include Required and Introductory Complimentary courses?  
   ✓ Yes, this rule includes Required and Introductory Complimentary courses, in addition to Complimentary Stream courses. Students cannot exceed 12 credits (4 courses) in any one discipline from within their complete 36 credit program. Students in Stream I: Economic Development & Living Standards and Stream II: States & Governance, have to be particularly careful in choosing their Complimentary Stream courses as these two Streams have many ECON and POLI SCI courses.
   ✓ NOTE: IDS is an interdisciplinary program. If a student was interested in taking more than 12 credits (4 courses) in a particular discipline, they should consider completing a program (Minor Concentration, Major Concentration) in that discipline.

7. What is the difference between the Major Concentration and the Minor Concentration?  
   ✓ The Major Concentration is 36 credits while the Minor Concentration is 18 credits. Students pursuing a Major Concentration MUST follow only ONE Stream. For the Minor Concentration students do not need to choose one Stream but can take courses from different Streams.

8. I am interested in the Honours program. How does that work and what are the eligibility requirements?  
   ✓ Students are admitted into the Honours program after completing a year in the Major Concentration. Students are eligible for the IDS Honours program if they have a program GPA of 3.30 and an overall CGPA of 3.00 and who are willing to complete 57 credits and follow the IDS Honours program rules. All students who are interested in the Honours program MUST meet with the IDS program adviser to discuss program planning. For further details on program requirements (Language and Methods requirement, and additional Complimentary Stream courses) please visit http://www.mcgill.ca/isid/teaching-programs/undergraduate/intd/honours/

9. I am interested in the Joint Honours program. How does that work, what are the eligibility requirements and how does it differ from the Honours program?  
   ✓ Students are admitted into the Joint Honours program after completing a year in the Major Concentration. Students are eligible for the IDS Joint Honours program if they have a program GPA of 3.30 and an overall CGPA of 3.00. The Joint Honours program differs from the Honours program in that it is 36 credits as opposed to 57 (for the Honours). Students must also pursue the Joint Honours component in another discipline. As well, the Joint Honours program REQUIRES students to complete the INTD 491 Honours Thesis project course. (whereas the Honours IDS program lists INTD 491 Honours Thesis as an optional course within their Complimentary Stream courses) All students who are interested in the Joint Honours program MUST meet with the IDS program adviser to discuss program planning. Students who pursue the Honours IDS program must also choose only one Stream.
10. I am interested in going on Internship. How does that work?
   ✓ All Faculty of Arts students can apply for an Internship through the Arts Internship Office pending they meet certain year, CGPA and credit requirements. Visit this website to find an Internship http://www.mcgill.ca/arts-internships/
   ✓ IDS students can get credit for their Internship experience by completing the INTD 499 course. For information regarding how to get IDS credit for their internship, please refer to this web page http://www.mcgill.ca/isid/teaching-programs/undergraduate/intd/courses

11. How often should I see my IDS adviser?
   ✓ Once a year/semester and once during your last semester prior to graduation. Students can always email the advisor at ids@mcgill.ca or lisa.stanischewski@mcgill.ca

12. I am interested in Study Away and Exchange programs. How does that work and can I get credit for courses that I take away towards my IDS program?
   ✓ Visit the Study Away and Exchange Website http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/ for more details. Yes, you may be able to get credit for courses that are relevant to IDS courses and also adhere to McGill’s IDS program rules.

13. I would like to take courses that are in my IDS program at other Quebec Universities, how does that work?
   ✓ Visit the Study at another Quebec University http://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/quebec for more details.

14. What do I do if courses in the IDS program are the same as in my other program? Can I count the same course for both programs?
   ✓ NO. You may only count the course for one program. If the courses are Required in the IDS program, but you would like to count them for your Economics program, you must visit the IDS Program adviser to determine which courses you will take in order to substitute those credits. In most cases you will substitute those courses with courses at the same level from within your Complimentary Stream course options.

15. I am completing an IDS program (Major Concentration or Minor Concentration) as well as an Economics program (Major Concentration or Minor Concentration) and I have to take ECON 230D1/D2 or ECON 250D1/D2 for my Economics program. What do I do about ECON 208 which is required for my IDS program?
   ✓ Students taking ECON 230D1/D2 or ECON 250D1/D2 are exempt from ECON 208. Students must replace these credits with an additional 3 credits from either the Introductory Complimentary Course options or from the Stream Complimentary Course options. ECON 230D1/D2 and/or ECON 250D1/D2 are considered equivalent to ECON 208. Hence students cannot complete both ECON 208 and ECON 230D1/D2 and/or ECON 250D1/D2.

16. How do I find a supervisor who is willing to supervise my Honours Thesis, Internship or Honours Thesis with Field research course? (INTD 490, 491, 492, 499)
   ✓ Students should approach Professors at McGill who have a general interest and research interest in the particular area/topic of the Developing World that they have an interest in. Students are advised to review Departmental websites for this information. Students should note that no professor is under any obligation to supervise any thesis, research project, or topical internship paper.
   ✓ Some helpful pointers when seeking an academic supervisor:
     ➢ Be prepared! Before approaching a potential supervisor, define your topic and prepare a problem statement. Provide some information about yourself.
     ➢ If the potential supervisor does not know you personally, bring a copy of your transcript and possibly a sample research paper you have written for another course.
     ➢ Go to speak to the potential supervisor in person during his/her office hours. This will allow you to present your project in more detail.
     ➢ If the potential supervisor is unable to work with you, ask for references. Academic staff members usually know what their colleagues are working on and will be able to direct you to other potential supervisors.
     ➢ Even though you can only have one “official” supervisor, you can seek the input and advice of other faculty members or course lecturers.