



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Conflict Resolution Studies

This program explores the nature and dynamics of human conflict and looks at appropriate alternatives for dealing with conflict in ways which develop healthy relationships and prevent violence.

Conflict Resolution Studies is a joint program offered through the cooperation of The University of Winnipeg and Menno Simons College, which is located on the University of Winnipeg campus. Conflict Resolution Studies prepares students to understand and interact constructively in response to personal, local, and global conflict situations. Topics include violence, power, justice, peace, communication, culture, conflict transformation, and dispute resolution.

Conflict Resolution Studies is an **interdisciplinary** program that allows you to customize your university education to fit your educational and career goals by taking courses from a number of different disciplines or areas. A major in Conflict Resolution Studies can be combined with a major in a complementary area of study such as Psychology, Education, Politics, Religious Studies, Sociology, Criminal Justice, or International Development Studies.

Senior students learn to apply academic theory and skills to “real world” situations through the Practicum program. Students volunteer in a supervised work placement within the structure of a local, national, or international organization and gain practical work experience related to their program of study. The practicum is a self-assigning program, in that students are responsible to find an organization that reflects their area of interest.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year or 4-year)** with a Major in Conflict Resolution Studies.

Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in Conflict Resolution Studies as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Conflict Resolution is a rapidly growing field. Graduates of Conflict Resolution Studies will find their skills and knowledge valued in many contexts such as Mediation, Counselling, Education and Training, Child and Family Services, Law Enforcement, Government, Non-Governmental Organizations, Business, and Law.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to Conflict Resolution Studies is a first-year course designed to develop an understanding of the roots and nature of human conflict, responses to conflict, and constructive ways to deal with conflict. Topics include mediation, negotiation, communication skills, and international peace building. This course is the gateway to all other Conflict Resolution Studies courses.

Conflict and Culture is a second-year course that explores the relationship between culture and conflict, examines cultural differences in response to conflict, as well as the nature and origins of conflict between and among cultures. Special attention is given to inter-ethnic conflict in the modern world.

Trauma & Violence is a third-year course that explores the causes, dynamics and consequences of violence. Students engage with research in crisis theory, and learn practical skills for crisis first aid and longer-term community interventions.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

Conflict and Communication
Conflict in the Family
Coaching and Mediation Skills
Legal Systems and Alternative Dispute Resolution
Practicum in Conflict Resolution Studies

Restorative Justice
Women and Peacemaking
Workplace Conflict Resolution
Nonviolent Social Change
Human Rights and Conflict Resolution

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"The CRS program at Menno Simons College is amazing! The program offers students a well-rounded and realistic view of conflict and how to solve it in our ever-changing world. It examines conflict resolution through new, creative lenses and ensures students and their opinions are a part of this growing field. The professors are personal and experienced and the faculty makes school feel like my second family!" - *Caitlin MacHutchon, 4-year B.A. with a double major in Conflict Resolution Studies and International Development Studies*

STUDENT LIFE

Smaller class sizes allow for an emphasis on group work and class discussion. Specialized student services include MSC scholarships and bursaries, academic advising, a weekly e-newsletter, invitations to community events, participation in the annual Social Justice Fair, and more. The Menno Simons College Student Association (MSCSA) also provides opportunity to enrich your educational experience by meeting other students and getting involved in current social justice issues. For more information about these services, contact msc@uwinnipeg.ca.

DID YOU KNOW?

Students majoring in Conflict Resolution Studies are eligible for entrance and returning student scholarships offered by Menno Simons College. Contact the MSC Academic Advisor at g.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca for more information.

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.

CRS-1200(6) Introduction to Conflict Resolution Studies

RHET-1105(3) Academic Writing: Multidisciplinary or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6 credit hours Humanities

15 credit hours Electives selected from Anthropology, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, International Development Studies, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, or Women's and Gender Studies.

MENNO SIMONS COLLEGE

Menno Simons College (MSC), established at The University of Winnipeg in 1989, is a college of the Canadian Mennonite University and is affiliated with The University of Winnipeg. MSC coordinates interdisciplinary programs and offers courses in International Development Studies and Conflict Resolution Studies in cooperation with several University of Winnipeg departments. All courses offered by MSC are subject to University of Winnipeg Senate approval and policies and are open to all University of Winnipeg students. Degrees in Conflict Resolution Studies are conferred by The University of Winnipeg.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

HOW TO APPLY

To find out more information on application requirements, deadlines, and to access the application, please visit uwinnipeg.ca/apply.

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