



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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German-Canadian Studies

German-Canadian Studies was established to give students an opportunity to study the history and culture of German-speaking immigrants and their descendants in Canada and around the world.

German-Canadian Studies encompasses approaches from all of the disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences, but has been most influenced by History and Literature. In courses and seminars, students seek to understand the worldwide migrations from German-speaking Europe and the multiple migrations of German-speakers from all over the world to Canada.

You will find courses in German-Canadian Studies a useful and informative addition to any liberal arts education. Although it is not a Major, the background it provides will be especially relevant to students interested in the complexities of migration, immigration, and multiculturalism. The courses also prepare students who intend to write MA theses and PhD dissertations in German-Canadian Studies. Students with excellent research and German language skills may have opportunities to conduct historical research.

The courses in German-Canadian Studies are listed within the Department of History. This means that you may focus on, and receive credit for, study in German-Canadian Studies while working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

SAMPLE COURSES

Global Migration History is a lecture course that surveys the diversity of worldwide migrations in the modern period. Topics include exploration and conquest; merchants, mercenaries, and missionaries; slavery and unfree migration; imperialism, settlement and labour migrations, and refugees. Concepts discussed include international migration systems; transnational life, culture, and society; diaspora; voluntary and forced migration.

History of Modern Germany is a second-year course that offers a survey of political, economic, social, and cultural developments in Germany from the time of the Holy Roman Empire to the Berlin Republic. The focus is on developments after the Congress of Vienna including the 1848 Revolution, Bismarck and German unification, Wilhelmine Germany and imperialism, World War I, the Weimar Republic, Hitler and National Socialism, World War II and the Holocaust, the two Germanies in the Cold War, and reunification in 1989/90.

The German-Canadian Presence in Canadian History, a third-year course, explores the European origins of German-speaking immigrants to Canada, their settlement patterns, and their social, political, and economic roles.

History of International Migration: The German Experience is a third-year course which offers a survey of historical and current migration patterns, using the example of German-speaking migrants from the 18th to the 20th century. Students will explore migration processes, different types of migration, and the resulting cross-cultural encounters as well as the interactions of states and minorities.

German-Canadian Identity—Historical Perspectives is a third-year course that examines questions of ethnic identity, using the example of German-Canadians. While students will develop their individual research projects related to the broader issue of ethnicity, class discussion focuses on the historical presence of German speakers in Canada, their settlement patterns, their relationship to political culture and the German state, and perceptions and self-images of German-Canadians.

History and Memory (S3) This seminar examines the field of memory studies through a comparative transnational survey (with a focus on Canada, USA, and Germany). Memory studies asks not 'What happened in the past?' but rather: 'How did individuals and groups remember the past?' To answer this question, historians study oral history and other forms of informal communication, formal history education, museums, monuments, film, photography. Students learn about major concepts such as historical consciousness; narrativity; collective memory; public history; culture and politics of history, including "history wars."

Topics in the German-Canadian Presence in Canadian History is a fourth-year course in which students undertake research on a variety of specialized subjects relating to the political, social, and economic experiences of German-speaking immigrants to Canada.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The University has an exchange agreement with the Universität Bamberg in Southern Germany. Students with sufficient proficiency in German may study there for a semester or more for credit toward a University of Winnipeg degree.
- Each year, German-Canadian Studies awards two student prizes and an undergraduate essay award.

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.

HIST-1015(3) The Atlantic World: Europe and the Americas, 1700-1989

GERM-1201(6) Elementary German

RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

15 Credit Hours Electives, depending on interest. Examples are first-year courses in Anthropology, Biology, Conflict Resolution Studies, English, Environmental Studies, French Studies, Geography, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies, or Women's and Gender Studies.

Some Arts students take courses that satisfy the University's Science Requirement in their first year. See The University of Winnipeg Course Calendar for a complete list of options.

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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