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International Development Studies

International Development Studies is a program that challenges students to explore the causes and consequences of processes that promote some individuals, communities, and nations, and exclude others.

Are you interested in issues of social justice? Would you like to learn, live, and work in a way that helps make society more equitable, sustainable, and peaceful? International Development Studies will provide you with a solid education and practical skills to prepare you for a meaningful and exciting career in the field of international or community development.

International Development Studies (IDS) is an **interdisciplinary** program that allows you to customize your university education to fit your educational and career goals. Core Courses taught by IDS faculty will prepare you for citizenship in an increasingly interdependent global community and encourage you to envision paths toward a transformed, just world. You will also choose courses from a number of related disciplines, such as Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Politics, and Sociology, to complement and expand your knowledge base.

Senior students have the opportunity to apply theory and skills to real-world situations through the practicum program. This program allows you to gain personal and practical volunteer experience within a development organization in a local or international context. The MSC practicum program has allowed students to gain valuable experience in over 130 countries worldwide.

The IDS program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year or 4-year)** with a Major in International Development Studies. The **3-year program** is designed for students who have an interest in international issues, but are not planning a career in development, as well as for students who plan to get professional or technical training after their BA and want to work in an area where development issues arise. The **4-year program** serves students who want to look for an entry-level position in a development organization after graduation, either overseas or in North America, or for those who want to go on to graduate studies in IDS or a related field. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in International Development Studies as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Taking a major in IDS will equip you with understanding for a variety of work situations, with specialized knowledge about developing communities and countries. IDS will provide you with a new perspective and a deeper understanding of how different communities and societies function and interact. To increase your career options, you may choose to pair IDS with another compatible major, such as Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Politics, Urban and Inner City Studies, or Sociology.

IDS graduates have completed graduate degrees in areas such as International Development, Public Health, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, or International Law. Several graduates work within Canada and overseas for both governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in fields such as agriculture, economics, education, human rights, water purification, and handicraft skills.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to International Development Studies is a first-year course that introduces students to the concepts and critical tools needed to understand a range of approaches to change, both conventional and transformative, to address issues of poverty and discrimination, rising inequality and environmental stress, vulnerability to violence and disaster. Students learn to pose and answer questions about current development challenges, and to analyze examples of successful and unsuccessful development at the global, national, and community levels.

Participatory Local Development prepares students to facilitate local development through participatory approaches that build community and capacity at a local level. Students examine the nature of chronic poverty, inequality, top-down decision making and conflict while analyzing current emphases on participation and empowerment, gender equity, social capital, sustainable livelihoods, social justice, and local governance.

Environmental Sustainability: A Global Dilemma is a second-year course that focuses on environmental factors relevant to understanding and implementing sustainable development. Its aim is to teach students to understand and appreciate fundamental ecological principles within the context of social values and technological constraints. Moreover, the course

seeks to equip students to assess environmental problems from an interdisciplinary perspective, and to develop strategies that might solve these problems.

MORE SAMPLE CORE COURSES

African Development Issues
Development Aid Policy and Practise
Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities

Rural Development
Crisis, Humanitarian Aid & Development
Development Ethics

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"Part of what makes Menno Simons College unique is the ability to build relationships with the faculty and within the community atmosphere that we have with students. It really enriches and enforces the educational aspects and it feels like we're all in a movement together...[The IDS program] really challenges the way I reflect on my roles and responsibilities as a student, in a local and global context, for future change." – *Brigitte Dorge, BA (Honours), IDS & CRS*

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?

- With an emphasis on global citizenship, urban community, sustainable development, as well as the recently established Master's in Development Practice, The University of Winnipeg is an excellent place to study International Development.
- Menno Simons College offers scholarships and bursaries, as well as financial assistance for international practica. For more information, please contact the MSC Academic Advisor at g.loewen@uwinnipeg.ca.

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.

IDS-1100(6) Introduction to International Development Studies

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

6 credit hours Humanities

15 credit hours Electives, depending on interest. Examples: first-year courses in Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's and Gender Studies.

MENNO SIMONS COLLEGE

Located at 520 Portage Avenue, Menno Simons College (MSC) was established at The University of Winnipeg in 1989. MSC is a college of the Canadian Mennonite University and is affiliated with The University of Winnipeg. MSC coordinates interdisciplinary programs in International Development Studies and Conflict Resolution Studies in cooperation with several UWinnipeg departments. All courses offered by MSC are subject to University Senate approval and policies and are open to all UWinnipeg students. Degrees in International Development 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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