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Master's in Development Practice 2012 - 2013

The Master's in Development Practice (MDP) is an interdisciplinary graduate degree that equips a new generation of development practitioners with the broad knowledge and practical skills needed to understand and respond to complex development challenges. The MDP at the University of Winnipeg is one of the 22 founding MDP programs world-wide supported by the MacArthur Foundation and the only one specifically designed to address issues of indigenous development. The goal of the MDP program is to train interdisciplinary development practitioners across the core areas of health, natural sciences / environment, social sciences, and economics / management. There is a strong emphasis on the development of analytical and applied skills in both the program and field-training. Graduates will excel within indigenous governments and organizations, in all levels of government, and in non-governmental organizations, both locally and abroad. Graduates are skilled practitioners, able to rally a team of highly skilled others around them to focus in on indigenous (and other) development challenges as they arise.

Students choosing the Master's in Development Practice in Indigenous Development should consider the following points:

1. The 2-Year MDP is designed to serve students with a professional interest in global and indigenous issues and challenges. It is designed for those who will work in the field of development, in Canada and abroad.
2. The program requirements are set in part by the network of MDP programs world-wide with the additional emphasis on indigenous development unique to the University of Winnipeg program.
3. It is possible to complete the MDP on a part-time basis.
4. Students will complete two field placements of 2-3 months duration during summers – one in Canada and one outside of Canada.
5. The tuition cost is \$36,000 for the 2-Year full-time program. Part-time attendance is pro-rated. Financial assistance is available.

MDP CURRICULUM:

Orientation Program for first year students begins in August, prior to the start of classes.

Sample Courses

STAT/GDP-7701(3) Spatial Statistics

GDP-7707(3) Indigenous Economic Development

GDP-7708(3) Global Classroom: Integrated Approaches to Sustainable Development Practice

GDP-7709(6) Indigenous Thought and Worldviews: Sustainable Understandings

GDP-7721(3) Theories and Methods of Program Planning and Evaluating

GDP-7722(3) Indigenous Research Methods

GEOG-4450/GDP-7750(3) Managing for Environmental Stability

IS-4023/7023(3) Indigenous Peoples, Globalization and Development

GDP-7702(3) Human Security and Indigenous Development

GDP-7704(3) Indigenous Health in a Global Perspective

GDP-7705(3) Environment and Sustainability

GDP-7706(1.5) Leadership and Human Resources Management

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission is open to university graduates holding a relevant, recognized 4-Year General or Honours Bachelor degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better in the last 60 credit hours of coursework; with minimum 3 credits of Statistics. Students holding a 3-year undergraduate degree may be admitted to the Master's program upon successful completion of a University of Winnipeg designed pre-Master's program which consists of a set of upper-level undergraduate courses.

A relevant degree may include but is not restricted to the following: Aboriginal/Indigenous/Native Governance or Studies, Business or Public Administration, Conflict/Dispute Resolution, Development Studies, Economics, Gender/Women's Studies, History, Law, Philosophy, Politics, Religious Studies, and Sociology, Medicine, Agriculture.

Annual deadline for applications: February 1st.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the **application form** found online at: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/mdp-application>.
2. Submit one **official transcript** of academic work completed to date, sent directly from each issuing institution.
3. Submit two **letters of recommendation** from individuals familiar with your academic work.
4. **Cover Letter:** In 500 words or fewer, concisely state the rationale for your interest in this program. Include other information which you have not yet included in the application. Examples might include exceptional commitment to a particular development interest, relevant employment history, strong extra-curricular activities, demonstrated ability to overcome adversity, or social, political or charitable interests.. *A curriculum vitae or resumé may be included.*
5. Submit General Bursary Program Application Form. Use "Additional Comments" section to note special status, such as Indigenous or Aboriginal, or other factors not otherwise included in the General Bursary Program Application Form. Include bursary application with your application materials – do NOT submit to Office of Awards and Financial Aid: http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/cms-filesystem-action/pdfs/awards/general%20bursary%20application_fw11.pdf
6. **English language requirement (where applicable)**
The test should have been taken within the preceding year of the date the completed application is submitted.

Submit **complete application* forms** to:
Assistant Registrar – Graduate Studies
Student Services
The University of Winnipeg
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*Please note that applicants who are under consideration may be invited to participate in an individual interview prior to acceptance.



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