



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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Developmental Studies

Developmental Studies deals with the analysis of biological, environmental, and social factors that influence both individual and group development.

Developmental Studies draws perspectives and methods from many disciplines to provide a coherent analysis of development. As such, it has specific relevance to a growing number of occupations and professions, especially in the areas of child care, gerontology, and family studies.

As an interdisciplinary program, Developmental Studies allows you to customize your university education to meet your educational and career goals by combining courses from a number of different disciplines or areas, including the departments of Anthropology, Applied Computer Science, Biology, Business and Administration, Conflict Resolution Studies, Education, English, Kinesiology and Applied Health, Politics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, and Statistics.

There are three streams available within the Developmental Studies Program:

A – Individual Human Development: This stream concentrates on individual human development, ranging from prenatal and infant development to adolescent psychology and gerontology.

B – Comparative Biological Development: This stream is concerned with animal development, ranging from animal physiology, chemistry, and genetics to evolution, zoology, and primatology.

C – Child Development and Child Care: This stream is a joint program offered by The University of Winnipeg and Red River College or the Université de Saint-Boniface. The Child Development and Child Care Program is designed to train students as early childhood educators. Graduates of this stream are eligible for the highest certification—Early Childhood Educator III-- from the Manitoba Ministry of Family Services and Labour. The University of Winnipeg offers the only degree-granting program in Early Childhood Education in Manitoba.

Streams A and B lead to a three-year Bachelor of Arts degree, and Stream C, through the joint program with Red River College or the Université de Saint-Boniface, to a Diploma in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN LEADERSHIP IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

This diploma program is a leadership development program designed for childcare professionals who already have experience in the field. It provides a unique combination of courses from the Professional Studies program in the Professional, Applied and Continuing Education and the Developmental Studies Stream C. Contact Ashlie Wilson at 204.982.1179 for more information on this program

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates may find employment in a variety of governmental and non-governmental agencies dealing with childcare services or human service-oriented professions. Those who pursue graduate studies may find work in the areas of research, administration, and university teaching.

SAMPLE COURSES

Speech and Language Disorders in Children is a third-year course designed to introduce students to the field of communication disorders in children. Topics include the identification of different types of communication disorders, procedures in the evaluation and treatment of these disorders, and practical experience in clinical report writing and record keeping.

Topics in Leadership in ECCE is a third-year course which provides an opportunity for students to understand and integrate theory and practice as it relates to management, leadership, advocacy, and inclusion of children with diverse needs.

The Child, Family, and Social Policy is a course designed to sensitize students to the social policy and legal dimensions of child development. It addresses the current political climate surrounding the adequacy of child care, as well as selected issues concerning the law and the rights of children.

MORE COURSES

Abnormal Behaviour in Children and Adolescents
Applied Child Development
Canadian Children's Literature
Developmental Psychology
Genetics
Human Biology
Sociology of Aging
Sociology of Families

For more information about the Developmental Studies Program, visit the Departmental website at <http://developmentalstudies@uwinnipeg.ca>

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

"Studying at the University of Winnipeg has been an enriching experience, academically and personally. Having been able to meet and work with supportive and caring professors in small groups has allowed me to focus better on studying for my career. In completing the Developmental Studies Program—a joint program between the U of W and Red River College—I am able to attain both my Bachelor of Arts and my Early Childhood Education II Diploma and choose a position from a variety of career options." (*Jenna Helgason, 2012*)

"DS instructors are inspiring....I never knew how much an impact I could have on social policies....I feel empowered to make changes and to use the knowledge I have gained to make a difference...". (*Cassandra Fines, B.A., 2008*)

STUDENT LIFE

Students of Developmental Studies are a close-knit group of people who are committed to the field. Many of our students are working in the childcare field during the day and taking evening courses part-time.

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are various opportunities for students who are interested in working closely with faculty on major research projects in child care.
- The Lori Ellen Rogers Scholarship is awarded annually to students entering their final year of the Developmental Studies Program.
- An annual training grant is available from Manitoba Family Services and Labour for Early Childhood educators with an ECE II Diploma taking courses to upgrade their credentials to the ECE III level.
- If you have extensive experience in the childcare field, you may qualify to obtain credit for university-level knowledge and skills gained outside the classroom through our Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) program.

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.

Students selecting a major in Developmental Studies should consult with the contact person for the program prior to choosing their first-year courses. Normally, a student entering the Developmental Studies program directly from high school would take the following courses:

SOC-1101(6) Introduction to Sociology

PSYC-1000(6) Introductory Psychology

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

6 credit hours Science

6 credit hours Humanities

3 credit hours Electives

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at www.uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high-school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet the deadline for Special Entrance Scholarship consideration, you must submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet the deadline for Special Entrance Scholarship consideration, you must submit your application, the application fee, and documents by **March 1st**. The international application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

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