



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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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, 4-year or Honours)** 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. The **Honours BA** is designed for students who want to go on to graduate studies in IDS or a related field.

Students taking a 4-year 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 Politics, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, History, Geography, Environmental Studies, or Conflict Resolution Studies.

Several IDS graduates are currently completing graduate degrees in areas such as International Development, Rural Development or Environmental Studies. Several graduates work within Canada and overseas for both governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in fields like agriculture, economics, education, human rights, water purification, and handicraft skills.

### SAMPLE COURSES

**Introduction to International Development Studies** is a first-year course that examines key development issues, concepts and theories. The course evaluates what has been done in the name of development at the human, community, and national levels, particularly in light of poverty, gender, and environmental issues. This course is the gateway to all other International Development Studies courses.

**Participatory Local Development** focuses on participatory, local-level development models as alternatives to national economic development models. Students examine the nature of chronic poverty and review historic efforts at community development, community economic development, and cooperative formation. They also analyze 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 examines sustainable development from an interdisciplinary perspective, accenting socioeconomic and ecological issues such as biodiversity, overconsumption, and population growth.

#### MORE SAMPLE CORE COURSES

Action Research Methods  
African Development Issues  
An Analysis of Development Aid Policies  
Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities

Study of Voluntary Simplicity  
Participatory Community Economy  
Crisis, Humanitarian Aid & Development  
Development Ethics

#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"The feeling of being able to approach your professors whenever you need them, knowing their names and them knowing yours, and developing relationships with the other students in my classes is a remarkable feeling. The community of MSC goes beyond knowing all of the names of the students and professors in your classes; you actually get to know them which is not something I thought I would experience at university." - Natalie Hicks, 4-year B.A. with a double major in International Development and Conflict Resolution Studies

#### STUDENT LIFE

IDS students have access to IDS-specific resources through the MSC Student Services department. These include MSC scholarships and bursaries, academic advising, a weekly MSC e-newsletter, invitations to community events, participation in an annual Social Justice Fair, and more. For more information about these services, contact [msc@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto: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 Practise, 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 [mscadvising@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:mscadvising@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 are first-year courses in Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, Politics, 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 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 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 – Domestic Student

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca](http://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 Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

#### HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at [uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply) and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

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