



Ida Margolis Honorary BA Degree

Ida Margolis has spent the last 20 years exploring, debating, and discussing everything from world politics to medical ethics thanks to The University

of Winnipeg's Division of Continuing Education 55 Plus Program.

"You learn something new everyday," says Margolis, a sprightly 93. "I recommend it [55 Plus Program]. Taking classes keep you from becoming dull...It's much better than staying home and staring at the walls. It keeps your mind sharp."

Today, The University of Winnipeg is awarding Ida Margolis an Honorary BA in recognition of her participation in the 55 Plus Program for 20 years or more and her commitment to life-long learning.

Margolis, who graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1932 with a BA, spent years raising her family and working as

a volunteer with mentally and physically challenged adults, unwed mothers, and new immigrants.

When she heard about the DCE 55 Plus Program in the early 1980s, she was immediately interested. So much so that since registering for her first class, and in spite of getting around mainly by wheelchair now, Margolis has attended weekly classes continuously for two decades.

She points to Yoram East's lectures on current events and Middle East politics as her favourites because "they are always interesting and he's easy to listen to."

"It's nice to be recognized," adds Margolis of The University of Winnipeg Honorary BA degree. "I enjoy the wide range of topics offered through the 55 Plus Program and am glad I have been able to maintain coming regularly."

Today, the University is proud to present Ida Margolis with an Honorary Bachelor of Arts in recognition of her lifelong learning.