MENNONITE STUDIES (MENN)

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Chair: B. Nobbs-Thiessen

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INTRODUCTION

The Chair in Mennonite Studies was established to give students an opportunity to study the rich story of the Mennonites, their way of life and their interaction with the wider society. Mennonite Studies is an Interdisciplinary Program, combining history, religion, culture, and literature as they relate to the Mennonites in the past and present. In the courses and seminars students seek to understand the radical Anabaptist roots of this once persecuted people, and consider their changing worlds and religious practice. Special attention is given to contributions they have made to Canadian society, including food security, peace and nonviolence, literature, and art. The question of how the Mennonites seek to come to terms with the world around them is a major part of the Program's emphasis.

A minor in Mennonite Studies is available to students pursuing a bachelor's degree. Those interested in completing a minor in Mennonite Studies should consult with the Chair in Mennonite Studies by email or phone, 204-786-9391, to plan their program of study. The Mennonite Studies Minor requires the completion of a minimum of 18 credit hours of courses in Mennonite Studies including Mennonites Studies I and II.

Students will find courses in Mennonite Studies an inspiring and informative addition to a liberal arts education. A Minor in Mennonites Studies, or courses in Mennonite Studies, will be relevant to students interested in Mennonite (or Anabaptist) faith origins, Mennonite migrations through Europe and North America, and today's Mennonite community in both the Global North and Global South.

A Mennonite Studies program will prepare students to work in a wide variety of fields, including those that focus on multicultural understanding, peace and conflict, spiritual discipline, communitarian simplicity and environmental sustainability. Such a program of study will be relevant to students intending to write MA and PhD theses dealing with Anabaptist-Mennonite subjects. Mennonite Studies courses will also prepare students to work in fields such as journalism, law, education, counselling, food security, religious leadership and public policy analysis. Students may also choose to pursue further scholarly work in a particular subfield of Mennonite Studies, one linked to such disciplines as Conflict Resolution Studies, History, International Development Studies, Religion and Culture, Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN MENNONITE STUDIES

Degree: Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor.
Minor: 18 credit hours in the Minor subject
Residence Requirement: Minimum 12 credit hours in the Minor subject
Required courses: **MENN-2101(3)** Mennonite Studies I and **MENN-2102(3)** Mennonite Studies II plus 12 credit hours from *any* of the following:

a) All third year Mennonite Studies courses
b) **HIST-2131(3)** History of Peace and Nonviolence I and/or **HIST-2132(3)** History of Peace and Nonviolence II
c) One 3 credit hour U of W course in which the student has written a major research paper on a Mennonite topic (with the approval of the Chair)
d) One 3 credit hour course in Mennonite history or related subject taken at a university level in another institution (with the approval of the Chair)

COURSE LISTINGS

MENN-2101(3) HIST-2108(3) REL-2363(3)	Mennonite Studies I
MENN-2102(3) HIST-2109(3) REL-2364(3)	Mennonite Studies II
MENN/HIST/ CRS-2131(3)	History of Peace and Nonviolence I
MENN/HIST/ CRS-2132(3)	History of Peace and Nonviolence II
MENN-3000(6)	Special Topics in Mennonite Studies
MENN-3102(3)/ HIST-3216(3)	Luther, Zwingli and Radical Reformers
MENN/HIST- 3108(3)	Gender and Mennonites
MENN/HIST- 3110(3)	Russia and the Mennonites
MENN/HIST- 3111(3)	Conflict and Mennonites
MENN/HIST- 3114(3)	Latin America and the Mennonites
MENN/HIST- 3116(3)	Mennonites and World Issues
MENN/HIST- 3126	Mennonites and Environmental History
MENN/HIST- 3128(3)	Indigenous-Mennonite Relations
MENN/IDS- 3150(3)	Mennonite Community and Development
MENN-3202(3)	The Mennonite Image in World Literature
MENN/HIST- 3212(3)	Fact, Fiction and Images: Interpreting Manitoba Mennonites
MENN/HIST- 3541(3)	Mennonites in Canada
MENN/HIST- 4535(6)	Immigration and Ethnicity in Canada and the United States

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called “Course Descriptions” in the “Academic Calendar” section of the University website: **http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html**