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Adult Learners

A welcome part of the UWinnipeg Community



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Adult Learners at the **You** of **W**

Are you ready for a change? Need a university education to get that promotion?

Are you just a few credits short of a degree? The University of Winnipeg is here to help you.

Whether your reasons for coming to UWinnipeg are personal or professional, a university education offers benefits such as: Confidence, Flexibility, Employability, Career Advancement

You will develop essential skills in critical thinking, effective communication, and problem solving, and will be exposed to new ideas and ways of thinking, different cultures, and a variety of academic disciplines.

Adult Learners are defined as students who have been out of school for at least three years. They come to the UW from a variety of backgrounds and with diverse educational and work/life learning experiences. For example, some are returning to school after many years out of high school or post-secondary education, some may not have graduated from high school but have acquired learning from life and work that has prepared them for university; some may have graduated with a Certificate or Diploma or from another university and wish to continue their studies.

Adult Learners have always been a welcome part of the UW community, whether they chose to study full-time or part-time. We recognize that your lives are complex juggling work, family and other commitments and we understand the dedication it takes to return to school. You possess rich learning experiences; you can offer unique and unexpected insights and connections with communities, organizations and other institutions. Other students and your professors appreciate the knowledge, perspective, and insight you bring to the learning environment.

SUPPORT SERVICES

A variety of student support services are available to make your return to school easier. On-site childcare services, safe walk program, health insurance, tutoring services in writing, math, chemistry, and physics, and financial assistance are just a few examples. See inside for more information.

Did You Know?

20% of UWinnipeg graduates are aged 30 or over and 21% are aged 25 to 29.

THE DOWNTOWN ADVANTAGE

The UW is located in the heart of the city. If you work or live downtown – we're just minutes away and you'll have easy access to downtown's indoor, pedestrian walkway system. If you're travelling by bus, there's the Balmoral Rapid Transit Hub located on the west side of the Anx connecting 14 bus routes to the east and south ends of the city. If you're travelling by car, the UW has student parking available. See inside for more information on parking.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

The UW offers degrees in the Faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, Education, Kinesiology and Science and certificate and diploma programs through Professional, Applied and Continuing Education. We view both accessibility to and excellence in our academic programs/ courses as important goals. As well, we value academic freedom, self-governance and community service. You will experience small classes, access to your professors, the chance to work with professors on world-class research and to participate in experiential learning opportunities. For details, visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/future-student-programs

The UW is committed to excellence in post-secondary education – come see for yourself!

FLEXIBILITY

The UW offers flexible course delivery options such as evenings and Saturday mornings, as well as online and blended courses from the Centre for Distributed and Distance Learning.

You can choose when to take courses, the number of courses that fit into your schedule, and how long you take to complete your program – there's no time constraint in most programs. You can change your studies from part-time to full-time or vice-versa – whatever works for you.

The UW offers you an accessible education with flexibility, balance, and focus, as well as compassionate staff dedicated to serving adult learners – everything you need to get back into your studies.

Need help?

To discuss how your prior learning and educational goals fit with the UWinnipeg, contact Adult Learner Services and RPL.

SERVICES

HOW TO APPLY

For a quick introduction on 'how-to-apply' to the UW, go to the Adult Learner Services website www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/adult-learner-getting-started. For more details on your specific admission status refer to the websites noted in this brochure.

FIRST YEAR INFORMATION SESSION

If you are admitted for the Fall term, attend an information session in May, June or July before registering for courses. This session introduces you to other students, acquaints you with the campus, and helps you understand the academic requirements. **To register, call 204.786.9257.**

COURSE SELECTION

Whenever you are admitted, the advisors in Adult Learner Services can assist you in figuring out what courses to take, understanding the registration system, clarifying the degree and major requirements and much more. **Call 204.786.9257** to schedule an in-person or telephone appointment.

With the support from a variety of networks designed to help adult learners and with a leap of faith I enrolled at the UW as a full-time student. I wept when I received my acceptance letter because, for me, it confirmed that I was capable and I proudly entered the world of academia. My dreams are bountiful but for today I believe that I am exactly where I need to be . . . Miigwetch



JoAnn Wright: BA, BEd

PLANNING YOUR FINANCES

- Student Loan applications are available from the Awards and Financial Aid Office, Adult Learner Centers, or the Manitoba Student Aid Office (204.945.6321). Apply online for Manitoba and Canada Student Loans at www.studentaid.gov.mb.ca
- **Regular Status adult learners** are considered for Entrance Scholarships based on high school grades and extra-curricular activities. All students are considered for continuing scholarships in their second, third and fourth year of studies.

For information and assistance, visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-awards

CENTRE FOR DISTRIBUTED/DISTANCE LEARNING

The UW's online and web-based (Video on Demand – VOD) courses offer flexible learning options. Visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/ddl-index or call 204.786.9849.

FREE TUTORING - MENTORSHIP

The Writing Lab offers tutoring in-person by appointment or e-tutoring by emailing a draft to rhettutor@uwinnipeg.ca. The Tutoring Centre offers tutoring in math, chemistry, and physics. For more information or to book an appointment, visit tutoringcentre.uwinnipeg.ca or call 204.786.9129.

The Global Welcome Centre provides one-on-one tutoring and mentorship for newcomer immigrants. For more information visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/gwc-index

The Student Mentor Program is coordinated by International Student Services. It is open to all first-time university students enrolled in an undergraduate degree program. For details visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/students-mentorship-program

ADMISSIONS:

Depending on your educational background, adult learners are usually admitted to the UW under one of three categories: Regular Status, Mature Status or Mature Access Status. You may also be returning to school as a transfer student or seeking a second degree.

Since the UW has three intake options, you can start your classes when you are ready. You can apply for admission in one of three terms: Fall, Winter or Spring.

Admission Deadline:	To Register for Classes in:
July 2nd	Fall or Fall/Winter
December 1st	Winter
March 31st	Spring/Summer

For early notification of admission and the best possible selection of courses, apply three to four months before the admission deadline.

Returning to UWinnipeg in pursuit of a second major has opened my eyes to new ways of thinking, to knowledge that is enhancing my overall understanding of what it means to lead a balanced and full life and has given me a chance



to take a break from my career – a mini retirement to “refuel” so to speak.

H el ene Massicotte:
BA Kinesiology

REGULAR STATUS ADULT LEARNERS

Under this category, you have a high school diploma with university entrance high school courses (this may include the Mature Student Diploma).

MATURE STATUS ADULT LEARNERS

Under this category, you have grade 12 courses or some post-secondary education and are 21 years of age or older and do not qualify for admission under Regular Status.

MATURE ACCESS ADULT LEARNERS

Under this category, you are 21 years of age or older and do not qualify for admission under Mature Status. Admission is based on your prior learning that has prepared you for university studies.

To find out which category applies to you, visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/adult-learner-getting-started

Did You Know?

Almost 30% of UWinnipeg’s students are aged 24 or older, with 57% studying part-time.





Do past courses and work experience count?

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

There are three ways that your prior learning may be recognized:

1. Admission based on life and work learning experiences that demonstrate your readiness for university studies,
2. Transfer credit of prior post-secondary education, or
3. Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) – a challenge for credit process.

Adult Learner Services and RPL can assist in the assessment of the knowledge and skills you have gained through formal and informal education, work, and life experience for university admission, transfer credit and academic credit.

Contact **204.786.9257** to schedule an in-person or telephone appointment.

ADULT LEARNERS WITH TRANSFER CREDITS

Your prior studies could be other university degree courses, Continuing Education or College Certificates or Diplomas, Certified General Accountant courses, etc. As a transfer student you are required to submit your official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions previously attended. The UW will assess your previous post-secondary work for transfer credit. For more information visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/future-student-transfer

ADULT LEARNERS SEEKING A SECOND DEGREE

As a second degree student, you are required to submit your official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions previously attended. For more information visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/future-student-second-degree



At first, attending part-time classes encouraged me to relearn my long-forgotten academic study skills. I realized that . . . my learning experiences in the business world meant that I knew some of the best questions to ask. I'm now able to relate much of what's taught to the experiences I've had, which allows me to understand concepts and their implications very well.

**Alain Beaudry : BA Hons Economics,
successfully completed five courses via PLAR**

Who to Contact:

OTHER SERVICES

SECURITY

Security Services provides a safe, secure and healthy learning, living and working environment for its students, faculty, staff and visitors. To find out more information about safe walk and safe ride programs, visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/security-index

PARKING

There are two parking lots available for students during the day or evening, located at 439 Young Street and 280 Spence Street. Parking is also available on the streets using parking meters, and in nearby parkades and lots owned by local residents and businesses (students make their own arrangements). For information on parking options visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/parking-index or call 204.786.9968. Also, check out the UWSA's Parking Registry at theuwsa.ca/services/uwsa-student-services.

DAYCARE

Located on campus, the UWSA's daycare offers childcare at reasonable rates. Student placements are first priority. Visit www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/daycare or call 204.786.9898.

Check www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-studentsvcs for more services available to you.



Throughout my studies, I learned I can do what seems impossible. I realized I have a natural process for learning where I grapple with deep, complex ideas, working my way towards understanding and clarity. It is knowing all this about myself that has been the real achievement.

**Lynne Williams: BA Honours English
Recipient of Silver Medal in Arts (Honours)
and Gold medal for English (Honours)**

The UW has many staff dedicated to assist you in fulfilling your educational goals – prior to being admitted, through the admission process, getting started, and any time during your studies through to graduation.

- Adult Learner Services and RPL adultlearner.uwinnipeg.ca and uwinnipeg.ca/adult-learner-rpl

To schedule an in-person or telephone appointment, call 204-786-9257. Visit the adult learner services website to find out about adult learners at the UW.

- Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC) www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-aboriginal
- Selkirk Street Campus – Urban and Inner City Studies (UIC) www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/urban-inner-city-studies-index
- Winnipeg Education Centre (WEC) education.uwinnipeg.ca/future_students/wec.html
- Community Based Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (CATEP) education.uwinnipeg.ca/future_students/catep.html
- Professional, Applied and Continuing Education (PACE) pace.uwinnipegcourses.ca
- The Global Welcome Centre (GWC) www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/gwc-index
- English for Specific Purposes (ESP) esp.uwinnipeg.ca
- ESL Teacher Certificate Program (ESLTCP) www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/elp-esltcp
- International Student Services (ISS) www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-intloffice

Did You Know?

Out of 95 Canadian universities surveyed, UWinnipeg is one of sixteen to offer dedicated services for adult learners.