FACULTY OF ARTS

GERMAN-CANADIAN STUDIES

German-Canadian Studies gives students an opportunity to study the history and culture of German-speaking immigrants and their descendants in Canada and around the world.

German-Canadian Studies encompasses approaches from all of the disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences, but has been most influenced by History and Literature. In courses and seminars, students seek to understand the worldwide migrations from German-speaking Europe and the multiple migrations of German-speakers from all over the world to Canada.

You will find courses in German-Canadian Studies a useful and informative addition to any liberal arts education. Although it is not a Major, the background it provides will be especially relevant to students interested in the complexities of migration, immigration, and multiculturalism. The courses also prepare students who intend to write MA theses and PhD dissertations in German-Canadian Studies. Students with excellent research and German language skills may have opportunities to conduct historical research.

The courses in German-Canadian Studies are listed within the Department of History. This means that you may focus on, and receive credit for, study in German-Canadian Studies while working toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

SAMPLE COURSES

Global Migration History is a lecture course that surveys the diversity of worldwide migrations in the modern period. Topics include exploration and conquest; merchants, mercenaries, and missionaries; slavery and unfree migration; imperialism, settlement and labour migrations, and refugees. Concepts discussed include international migration systems; transnational life, culture, and society; diaspora; voluntary and forced migration.

The German-Canadian Presence in Canadian History, a third-year course, explores the European origins of German-speaking immigrants to Canada, their settlement patterns, and their social, political, and economic roles.

History of International Migration: The German Experience is a third-year course which offers a survey of historical and current migration patterns, using the example of German-speaking migrants from the 18th to the 20th century. Students will explore migration processes, different types of migration, and the resulting cross-cultural encounters as well as the interactions of states and minorities.
MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- History of Modern Germany
- German-Canadian Identity—Historical Perspectives
- History and Memory
- Topics in the German-Canadian Presence in Canadian History

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

HIST-1015(3) The Atlantic World: Europe and the Americas, 1700-1989
GERM-1201(6) Elementary German
RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)
15 credit hours Electives, depending on interest.

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.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

HOW TO APPLY

To find out more information on application requirements, deadlines, and to access the application, please visit:
uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information visit www.uwinnipeg.ca or contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where The University of Winnipeg Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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