



FACULTY OF ARTS

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

International Development Studies (IDS) 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, offered in conjunction with Menno Simons College, will provide you with a solid education and practical skills for a meaningful and exciting career in the field of international or community development.

IDS is an interdisciplinary program that allows you to customize your university education to fit your educational and career goals. Core Courses 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.

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.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year or 4-year)** with a Major in International Development Studies. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a Minor in International Development Studies as a secondary area of interest.

Menno Simons College (MSC) is a college of the Canadian Mennonite University. It is also affiliated with The University of Winnipeg and coordinates programming with several UWinnipeg departments. International Development Studies degrees are conferred by The University of Winnipeg.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Several graduates work within Canada and overseas for both governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in fields such as agriculture, economics, education, human rights, and water purification. Many IDS graduates have gone on to master's programs in areas such as International Development, Public Health, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, or International Law.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to International Development Studies is a first-year course that introduces students to the concepts and critical tools needed to understand a range of approaches to change, both conventional and

transformative, to address issues of poverty and discrimination, rising inequality and environmental stress, vulnerability to violence and disaster.

Environmental Sustainability: A Global Dilemma is a second-year course that focuses on environmental factors relevant to understanding and implementing sustainable development. It aims to teach students to understand and appreciate fundamental ecological principles within the context of social values and technological constraints.

Participatory Local Development prepares students to facilitate local development through participatory approaches that build community and capacity at a local level. Students examine the nature of chronic poverty, inequality, top-down decision making, and conflict while analyzing current emphases on participation and empowerment, gender equity, social capital, sustainable livelihoods, social justice, and local governance.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- **Conflict & Development Issues in Indigenous Communities**
- **African Development Issues**
- **Crisis, Humanitarian Aid & Development**
- **Development Ethics**

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

IDS-1100(6) Introduction to International Development Studies

RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or other section of Academic Writing (if required)

6 credit hours Humanities

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.*

“Part of what makes Menno Simons College unique is the ability to build relationships with the faculty and to be part of a community....It really enriches and reinforces the educational aspects and it feels like we’re all in a movement together.”

- Brigitte Dorge,

4-year BA (Honours), double major in International Development Studies and Conflict Resolution Studies

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

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

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements, deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: uwinnipeg.ca/apply

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

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