GERMAN-CANADIAN STUDIES (GCS)

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INTRODUCTION

The Chair in German-Canadian Studies was established to give students an opportunity to study the history and culture of German-speaking immigrants and their descendants in Canada and around the world. As an interdisciplinary program, German-Canadian Studies encompass approaches from all the disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, but has been influenced particularly by History and Literature. In the 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. One major focus is the study of German immigrants' various forms of acculturation and identity-formation in Canada.

Course offerings are listed within the Department of History. Credit can be obtained towards the Major programs of both the History and German Studies Departments.

Students will find courses in German-Canadian Studies a useful and informative addition to a liberal arts education. While the Program itself is not aimed at any particular vocational preparation, the background it provides will be especially relevant to students interested in the complexities of migration, immigration, and multiculturalism as well as to students of a German ethnic background. The courses also prepare students who intend to write MA theses and PhD dissertations in German-Canadian Studies. Students may choose some area of German-Canadian Studies to pursue further scholarly work in such disciplines as German Studies, History, and Sociology.

COURSE LISTINGS

Students are advised to consult the appropriate Timetable or WebAdvisor for courses offered during the current term.

HIST-1014(3)	Europe and the Mediterranean World to 1700
HIST-1015/(3)	Atlantic World: Europe and the Americas 1700-1989
HIST-2133(3)	Global Migration History
HIST-2331(3)	History of Modern Germany
HIST-3130(3)	History of International Migration: The German Experience
HIST-3560(6)	The German-Canadian Presence in Canadian History
HIST-3561(3)	German-Canadian Identity—Historical Perspectives
HIST-4130(6)	History and Memory

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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