



FACULTY OF ARTS

## MENNONITE STUDIES

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**Mennonite Studies is an interdisciplinary program that explores the history, social relations, religious ideals, and culture of the Mennonites.**

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This program offers students an opportunity to study the rich heritage of the Mennonites and their contribution to society. Through small courses and seminars, students will explore the past and present culture of the Mennonites, especially their deeply-rooted commitment to peace and non-violence. The question of how the Mennonites evolved from the radical 16th century Anabaptists to a globalized people seeking peace, community and justice is a major part of the program.

By creating a flexible major in Mennonite Studies, this program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year)**. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in Mennonite Studies as a secondary area of interest. To create a flexible major, contact Dr. Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Chair in Mennonite Studies at [b.nobbs-thiessen@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:b.nobbs-thiessen@uwinnipeg.ca).

It is also possible to earn a Master of Arts with a focus on Mennonite History. Prospective students are encouraged to apply to the Joint Master Program in History through the University of Winnipeg and apply for one of the two graduate fellowships in the history of Mennonite culture and society.

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### SAMPLE CAREERS

This program is especially relevant to students who intend to pursue work or further study in the areas of multiculturalism, immigration, ethnicity, peace and nonviolence. Graduates who have taken Mennonite Studies courses include teachers, archivists, historians, pastors, counsellors, community organizers and social workers.

### SAMPLE COURSES

**Mennonite Studies I** is a second-year course that examines the history and religious ideals of the radical Anabaptists of sixteenth century Europe. It covers such topics as nonviolent protest, mysticism, martyrdom, female leadership, migration, and radical biblicism.

**Conflict and Mennonites** is a third-year course that explores the Anabaptist and Mennonite understanding and experience of pacifism and nonviolence throughout the centuries.

**Gender and Mennonites** is a third-year course that asks how women and men have related in Mennonite society over time. It also asks how Mennonites have defined the concepts of masculinity and femininity.

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## MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Mennonites & World Issues
- History of Peace & Nonviolence
- Russia & the Mennonites
- Mennonite Studies II
- Mennonites in Canada
- Latin America & the Mennonites
- Indigenous-Mennonite Relations

## SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

6 credit hours of any introductory History or introductory Conflict Resolution Studies course(s)  
RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities, or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)  
21-24 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.*

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## 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 and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit:  
[uwinnipeg.ca/apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/apply)

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at [welcome@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto: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.

## CONTACT US

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