FACULTY OF ARTS

URBAN AND INNER-CITY STUDIES

Urban and Inner-City Studies is an interdisciplinary major concerned with the examination of the city, and particularly the inner city, as a dynamic environment. A special feature of this program is that most courses are offered at our North End Campus at Merchants Corner, 541 Selkirk Avenue, in order to provide students with a deeper insight into important urban issues.

The rapid growth of urban poverty, typically associated with racism and inadequate housing and related problems, is an especially important problem in cities in Canada and throughout the world today. Urban and Inner-City Studies is a program that examines such issues especially closely, and will be of particular interest to students with a concern for social justice and positive social change. Our courses focus on such issues as: urban Indigenous experiences, poverty, the law and public policy, community development, refugee experiences, roles of women in the inner city, and urban and community planning.

Cities in Canada continue to face great challenges: managing suburban growth, promoting inner-city revitalization, coping with rapidly changing demographics, and dealing with increasing concentrations of poverty and social and political exclusion. The UIC program examines all these challenges from an interdisciplinary perspective.

This program includes two 2-Year Certificates, both of which can lead to a **Bachelor of Arts (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)** with a Major in Urban and Inner-City Studies. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may add a **Minor** in Urban and Inner-City Studies as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates can pursue a career in any of the following: city planning; law; government departments dealing with such issues as housing, anti-poverty policies, gender equity, newcomer issues, or community development; or in community-based organizations that are committed to social justice and that work in a wide variety of ways, such as women's resource centres, community housing organizations, community development agencies, and youth-serving agencies.

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to Urban and Inner-City Studies is a first year course providing an overview of the dynamics that drive a city's growth and produce changes, both positive and negative, over time. It includes an introduction to how cities work, and to the "underside" of urban life.

Poverty and the Law examines how certain laws act as barriers to the full participation of disadvantaged persons in a free and democratic society, and alternatively, how the law can be used to advance the interests of low-income and other disadvantaged individuals and communities.

Community Development & Advocacy Practicum offers students the opportunity to gain valuable experiential knowledge by working with a community organization in the inner city.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- **Urban & Community Planning**
- **Introduction to Community Advocacy**
- **Colonization & Indigenous Peoples**
- **History of Indigenous Institutional Development in Winnipeg**
- **Immigration & the Inner City**

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

UIC-1001(3) Introduction to Urban & Inner-City Studies
RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or other Academic Writing section (if required)
UIC-2001(3) Community Development *or* UIC-2020(3) Colonization and Indigenous Peoples *or*
UIC-2210(3) Introduction to Community Advocacy
21-24 credit hours Electives

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.*

"After a decade working in the field of Communications in Ottawa, I moved to Winnipeg to follow my passion for community development in the UIC program at UWinnipeg. It was just the change I needed and a fantastic experience! I learned a great deal about everything from poverty to Indigenous history and culture to local politics and economics. The small classrooms, mentorship from professors, and philosophy of giving back to the community really sets UIC apart."

Denise MacDonald, BA in Urban and Inner-City 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 and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: **uwinnipeg.ca/apply**

An Innovative Option for non-High School Graduates: Individuals who do not have grade 12, who are 21 years of age or older, and who are motivated to succeed at university may earn mature student status through the Beginning University Successfully (BUS) program. Contact Hannah Krenn, Academic Coordinator, at 204.988.7196 for details.

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