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Welcome

Welcome to the Department of City Planning at the University of Manitoba and the Master of City Planning (MCP) program! City Planning is one of four departments in the Faculty of Architecture. The Faculty also includes departments of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture – each of which offers a professionally accredited masters program. The Faculty also has an undergraduate program in Environmental Design. These programs are based in the John A. Russell (JAR) and Architecture II (Arch 2) buildings, and the undergraduate program has studio space in the Faculty of Education, all on the Fort Garry campus.

School Stuff

The Professors, Faculty and Staff
Your professors, and those in other departments, have a range of academic backgrounds; they can offer opinions, ideas and insight from a variety of perspectives. Everyone is approachable and more than happy to offer advice or information.

Classes
Yes, even though you are a graduate student, you will have a regular class schedule. Unlike your undergraduate days, you will be expected to attend every class and actively participate in the discussions. Studio classes are designed to allow for the incorporation of elements of design, research, and applied skills. Be prepared for some collaborative assignments and projects with both your classmates and practicing planners.

The City Planning program requires students to complete 45 credit hours of course work. In addition, each student completes Major Degree Project (a thesis or practicum), and the MDP Preparation, neither of which are assigned credit hours. Students are expected to participate in the City Planning Graduate Colloquium, a weekly seminar for both first and second year students in which issues of research and practice will be discussed, often featuring guest speakers.
**Elective, Option and Auxiliary Courses**

Within the typical curriculum students are required to take two electives. Though many of these are offered and taught from within the Faculty, students may enrol in approved graduate level courses in other faculties. Decisions about which electives are most appropriate should be made in consultation with your faculty advisor, the Department Head, and/or Graduate Advisor, who may also have information and suggestions about other classes.

Some courses within the curriculum are offered as option courses. Within these choices, students are required to take at least two of the options offered (currently the choices include ARCG 7080 Transportation and Urban Form, CITY 7070 Housing and Urban Revitalization, CITY 7460 Urban Ecology and Environmental Planning, and EVLU 4018 Principles of Urban Design). If students would like to take more of the option courses, they may be counted as electives.

Students may also take up to 12 credit hours of auxiliary courses (courses beyond the 45 credit hours required to graduate). These courses are included in your program tuition fees.

**Seminars and Guest Lecturers**

The Faculty of Architecture hosts many guest lectures throughout the academic year, including the annual Atmosphere Symposium (early February). Guest speakers come from across North America, and the world, to present their creative work and research. Similar events are hosted at the University of Winnipeg and other locations in the city. While attendance at these sessions is by no means mandatory, it is highly recommended, as these sessions will give you new ideas and inroads for your research. The Department of City Planning also has an excellent relationship with practicing planners in Winnipeg and throughout Manitoba. These planners often participate in the MCP program as lecturers, guests, and mentors.

**CP Graduate Colloquium**

Attendance at colloquium, held most weeks during the term, is required. Content includes presentations by guest speakers and workshops relevant to job searches and professional development. Students in their second year present and discuss their experiences with internships that they had over the previous summer. This will give you an idea of what to expect as you progress through the program, plus ideas of where you may want to pursue an internship and what to choose for your Major Degree Project (MDP) (Thesis or Practicum). Starting in the 2015-16 academic year, students will be responsible for organizing Colloquium with the assistance of a faculty liaison – the Department will provide modest financial support when budgets allow.

**Exchanges**

The Department of City Planning periodically participates in student exchanges with similar departments in universities and colleges around the world. Some of the recent study programs have included exchanges to the United States, China, France, Germany, and Portugal. Self-developed exchanges have also been accommodated. Students study overseas for one or two terms while retaining their status as a University of Manitoba student. The department also hosts foreign students on a reciprocal basis.

One recent opportunity was the Indigenous Planning Exchange (IPEX), which was a student exchange funded by the national governments of Canada, Mexico and the
USA. Its purposes were to enable students to experience indigenous planning issues by studying for a term in another country, and to develop a curriculum in indigenous planning. This presented a great opportunity for students to gain an international perspective in the planning field. Note: This program will not be offered in 2015/2016.

**The Studio**

Each department within the Faculty of Architecture has studio space where students are able to do their project-based work together. However, many students use the studios as their primary work spaces for all course work – as a base, it fosters a sense of community. Studios are also spaces for informal departmental meetings and gatherings. Most studio courses, including first year in City Planning, are based on the third floor of the John A. Russell Building (JAR). Colloquium and other events are often held in the first year studio space.

There is a security card-lock system at the entrances of the JAR and Arch 2 buildings at exterior access points as well as on doors that connect to the campus tunnel system. Physical Plant staff set up in the lobby of JAR each fall to enable access through your student cards. If you miss this opportunity you can visit the Physical Plant offices near Freedman Crescent and King’s Drive.

**The Libraries**

The University of Manitoba has several libraries. The largest is the Dafoe Library, which serves the campus community at large. However, most of the University’s planning and architecture related works are found in the Architecture/Fine Arts Library that is located on the main floor of the John A. Russell Building. In addition to a wide variety of books and volumes, the library subscribes to many Canadian, American, and International planning journals. While the libraries still have hard copies of many important journals, many are now available online. The Product Catalogue Collection, located in Architecture 2, contains information on and samples of construction and building materials and techniques.
Warehouse

Warehouse is an annual publication of the Faculty of Architecture. It consists primarily of student work submitted from all programs within the Faculty. Submissions consist of studio projects, short articles, and artwork. City Planning students are encouraged to submit their work. The Warehouse office is located in JAR, near the City Planning studio spaces.

Program course requirements:

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| Planning Design II Studio    | CITY 7420   | 6            |
| Planning Research Methods   | CITY 7020   | 3            |

Options (2 of the following)

- Transportation and Urban Form | ARCG 7080   | 3            |
- Housing & Urban Revitalization | CITY 7070 | 3            |
- Urban Ecology and Environ Plng | CITY 7460 | 3            |
- Principles of Urban Design | EVLU 4018   | 3            |

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+ Electives – 6 credit hours of courses (e.g. GIS for Planners, Transportation and Urban Form, and Housing & Urban Revitalization or Urban Ecology, if not taken as a required course. See page 1 for explanation of elective, options and auxiliary courses.)

Total Program Credit Hours 45

See Major Degree Project (MDP) Guide for department requirements for individual research project.

Computer Stuff

The Computer Lab (CADLab)

The Faculty of Architecture has its own computer lab, and print shop, in the basement of the Architecture II Building. CADLab is equipped with up to date computer equipment and programs. The computers are available to all Faculty of Architecture students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The computers have all of the programs required for class and studio work. In addition, the facilities have scanning, printing, plotting, and animation equipment. The computer facilities are monitored by Teaching Assistants who are available during the days and evenings. The hours of the print shop can be found
The CADLab also has equipment available for loan including HD video cameras, cameras, laptops, and even spare cables should you lose yours. As all items are purchased through the graduate Tech Fee, equipment loans are free of charge for students in the Faculty.

**Computer Purchase Specifications**
For update specifications or recommendations please go to:

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/architecture/cadlab/index.html

See Laptop Specifications under For Students section. There are both general specifications and some specific to City Planning students. These specifications are highly recommended for incoming students to the master program.

*NOTE: ArcGIS and AutoCAD software is only available for Windows. This does not preclude students from purchasing an Apple computer. Intel-based Apple computers have the ability, with special software such as VMWare or Bootcamp, to run Windows and Windows-based applications such as ArcGIS. Partitioning your hard drive may be required. All students are responsible for installing and configuring all software on their own laptop. CADLab and the Faculty of Architecture provide only very basic assistance with troubleshooting student owned equipment.*

If you require additional information please contact the Faculty of Architecture CADLab at 204-474-7482 or <cadlab@arch.umanitoba.ca>.

**Computer Programs**
You will be given a crash course on some of the following programs during your Studio 1 course. However, you should take as much time out of class to familiarize yourself with these programs and make the time to practice on them for yourself. It will save hours of time and frustration on your assignments. There are many training videos and websites to assist students in learning these programs.

- **ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD INDESIGN** – Desktop Publisher
- **ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD ILLUSTRATOR** – Vector-based drawing
- **ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD PHOTOSHOP** – Imagery and some graphics
- **SKETCHUP** – Simple to use 3D modeling software
- **AutoCAD or VectorWorks** – Diagrams and Mapping
- **MICROSOFT EXCEL** – Spreadsheet and Graphing
- **MICROSOFT POWERPOINT** – Presentations
- **MICROSOFT WORD** – Documents
- **ARC GIS** – Geographic Information System software

*free student versions may be available*
Resources

On Campus

University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students (UMAPS)
The University of Manitoba Association of Planning Students is responsible for conducting the student affairs for the Department of City Planning. This includes academic and faculty representation and social events. UMAPS has representation on the Graduate Students Association (GSA), the Canadian Association of Planning Students’ (CAPS) council, and the Manitoba Professional Planning Institute’s (MPPI) council. For information or general inquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact your co-chairs.
Email: umapsinfo@gmail.com

Canadian Association of Planning Students (CAPS)
The Canadian Association of Planning Students represents all accredited planning school students. Once a year, CAPS holds a conference, which includes presentations by professionals, academics, and students. In recent years UMAPS has funded students to present their papers at this conference. The 2015 CAPS conference was hosted by UMAPS and took place in Winnipeg from February 5-7.

Students interested in attending the CAPS conference are encouraged to submit papers (often based on your main Planning Theory paper assignment or Studio I work) for presentation. The Faculty of Graduate Studies offers graduate student conference travel awards to help get you there (but make sure you are on top of the relevant application deadlines – July 1st for conferences taking place in first term, and November 1st for conferences in second term). You can often also receive funding from the Graduate Students Association (GSA), the Alumni Association and the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) to assist with such initiatives. The Department and/or Dean’s office may, on occasion, provide supplementary funds, when students have been invited to conferences, or have had presentation proposals accepted. See also ‘Financial Resources’ section below, for more funding application details.

Graduate Student’s Association (GSA)
The GSA represents all graduate students on campus and its principle focus is ensuring that the needs of graduate students are met. The GSA has representation on the University of Manitoba Student Union’s (UMSU) council and with University Administration. The GSA office is located in Room 221 University Centre and may be contacted at 204-474-9181 or orgsa@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Toastmasters
One of the most useful tools that a planner can have is oral communication and presentation skills. As a planner, you must be prepared to present your views to both the public and private sectors and the general public. These skills don’t always come naturally, but can be built with time and practice. Toastmasters is an international non-profit organization designed to improve the speaking, listening and thinking skills of its members.

Campus Copy Centre
Located on the first floor of University Centre, this copy shop offers copying and binding services at a very affordable rate.
Active Living Centre
Opened in early 2015, the ALC is U of M’s state of the art recreation, active living and wellness centre. Complete with full gym, indoor running track, climbing wall and access to the many other recreation facilities on campus. Access is already part of your student fees.

Off Campus

Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP)
CIP is the professional body of planners in Canada. CIP actively lobbies for policy at the national level, ensuring representation of the planning profession within the government and public initiatives. CIP also encourages the expansion of innovative tools and methods for practicing planners, and the provision of low cost services to all members. CIP has been undergoing changes in recent years and has now created a Professional Standards Board (PBB) that is responsible for setting and maintaining the standards under which planners must work and assure the accreditation of planning schools.

Canadian Institute of Planners
116 Albert Street, Suite 801
Ottawa, ON K1P 5G3
p 613-237-PLAN (7526)
<general@cip-icu.ca>

Professional Standards Board
2800 – 14th Avenue, Suite 210
Markham, ON L3R 0E4
p 647-317-6924
<http://www.psb-planningcanada.ca>

You are strongly encouraged to take out a Student membership - via MPPI <http://www.mppi.mb.ca>, This membership will allow you to apply for annual CIP Student scholarships and to receive CIP academic excellence awards – among other member services (such as online issues of Plan Canada, from the May 1999 issue onwards, in the ‘member zone’ area of the CIP website).

Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI)
MPPI is the provincial governing body for all planners in Manitoba. It is responsible for handling membership applications and services as well as promoting the Code of Conduct and ensuring that the University of Manitoba’s planning program is maintaining the accreditation standards set by CIP and the Professional Standards Board (PSB). In recent years, MPPI has reached out to students in the City Planning program by creating a mentoring program. This program links current students to practicing planners who serve as professional advisors to the students. MPPI and the Department of City Planning co-sponsor events and awards.

Manitoba Professional Planners Institute
2nd Floor 137 Bannatyne Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0R3
p 943-3637 <http://www.mppi.mb.ca>

Planners’ Network
The Planners’ Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems. http://www.plannersnetwork.org/ and http://www.pnmb.ca/
The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
The association website has a wealth of information on awards and scholarships; job opportunities; conferences and additional resources that you may find useful. http://www.acsp.org/

The City of Winnipeg Planning, Property and Development Department
This is the department at the City of Winnipeg responsible for providing property, planning and development services to the general public. This is an invaluable source of information for studio work. The offices are found at 30 Fort Street in the Fort Garry Place Plaza. <http://www.winnipeg.ca/ppd/>.

Province of Manitoba: Department of Local Government & Department of Housing and Community Development
These are just two provincial departments that may be of interest to city planning students. The information they provide and policies they develop can be valuable to studio and other courses. Students may also be interested in pursuing internships through the Provincial STEP program at both of these departments. Many program alumni are employed by these departments.

Financial Resources

Travel Funding for Presenting at Conferences
City Planning students have had success in obtaining travel funding from the sources listed below. Students are strongly encouraged to apply for funding from all sources.

UMSU (University of Manitoba Students Union)

**Value**
Maximum $500 per calendar year

**Deadline**
None, though requests made prior to conference are given priority. Applications can be made no later than 30 days after conference. No disbursement is made until Proof of Attendance is received.

**Requirements**
Application Form
Cover letter
Budget of expenses
Proof of Event

**Application**
Available at UMSU Office

GSA (Graduate Students Association)

**Value**
Maximum $200 per calendar year
$200.00 for those giving presentations at conferences outside North America (ONP)
$150.00 for those students attending conferences outside North America (ONA)
$175.00 for those students giving presentations at conferences within North America (INP)
$125.00 for those students attending conferences within North America (INA)
$75.00 for those students giving presentations at conferences in Winnipeg (IWP)
$50.00 for those students attending conferences in Winnipeg (IWA)

**Deadline(s)**
July 17, November 17, March 17
For disbursements in August, January and April, respectively

**Requirements**
Application Form
Budget
Receipts
Proof of Registration
Proof of Presentation (if applicable)

**Application**
Available at GSA Office
http://umgsa.ca/downloads.html

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**Faculty of Graduate Studies**

**Value**
$500 for travel in North America
$750 for international travel
$500 maximum for international students who require a visa to attend an event in a country that does not require Canadian students to hold a visa (available on a trial basis).

**Deadline**
We are pleased to announce that in our efforts to improve service and provide flexibility to our students, there will no longer be deadline dates to apply to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Award, effective immediately. We do ask that students allow three weeks to process their application for funding. This is being offered on a one-year trial basis (start date - May 2010)

**Requirement**
Must be presenting at the conference

**Application**
http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/funding/index.html
click on graduate student travel award

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**University of Manitoba Alumni Association**

**Value**
Variable, requested in application

**Deadline**
Two weeks before start of conference

**Requirement**
Detailed budget
Copy of abstract or presentation materials
Letter from Dean or Department Head
Confirmation of Participation
Description of proposed Alumni Association recognition

Application
http://www.umanitoba.ca/alumni/students/
click Alumni Fund

[ NB Alumni of other universities, from their previous degree/s, may also consider applications to that University’s Alumni Association]

**Department of City Planning**

**Value**
$100 minimum if presenting or exhibiting, to serve as leverage for other funding applications

**Deadline**
In advance of event, in communication with the Department Head, to establish specific amount

**Requirement**
Letter of intent: how the experience will contribute to your graduate education
Evidence of abstract/proposal submission, and acceptance/invitation by event organizers

**Disbursement**
Upon proof of presentation/participation at conference (travel, accommodation or registration receipts) and accompanying brief report – a paragraph or two - on event. Submit claim to Department of City Planning Head on the basis of previously established amount of contribution.

**Faculty of Architecture: Dean’s Office**

**Value**
Subject to budget availability (often amounts to matching the Department of City Planning contribution, when funds are available)

**Deadline**
In advance of event, in communication with the Dean’s Office, to establish specific amount that may be anticipated (if any)

**Requirement**
Evidence of presentation submission (abstract/proposal) and acceptance/invitation
Budget outline – projected expenses and funding sources

**Disbursement**
Upon proof of presentation/participation at conference (travel, accommodation or registration receipts), and accompanying brief report – a paragraph or two - on the event. Submit claim to the Dean, Faculty of Architecture, in care of/to the attention of Robbin Watson, on basis of any previously determined available amount.

**Exchange Student Funding**

**International Centre for Students (ICS)**
ICS has an award that students can apply for to help finance their exchange.
Applications are available from the exchange coordinators at the International Centre for Students. The most recent City Planning exchange student to China was successful in receiving $1,500 from ICS to assist with costs.

Planning and the Internet

**Manitoba Professional Planners Institute**  
The Manitoba chapter of the Canadian Institute of Planners.  
http://www.mppi.mb.ca

**Canadian Institute of Planners**  
The homepage of the Canadian Institute of Planners, the professional body that regulates the planning profession on a national basis.  
http://www.cip-iuc.ca

**The American Planning Association (APA)**  
Offers a plethora of planning information, as well as links to other planning sites.  
http://www.planning.org

**Cyburbia**  
A comprehensive directory of resources related to planning, architecture, and the built environment.  
http://www.cyburbia.org/

**Canadian Urban Institute**  
The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in urban areas in Canada and internationally.  
http://www.canurb.com

**International Society of City and Regional Planners**  
A global association of professional planners, with a focus on international planning issues.  
http://www.isocarp.org

**PLANetizen**  
This is a public-interest information exchange for the urban planning and development community. Provides a daily, one-stop source for urban planning news, job opportunities, commentary and events.  
http://www.planetizen.com

**Planners Network**  
Planners Network has been a voice for progressive professionals and activists concerned with urban planning and social and environmental justice. Planners Network members have a wide range of interests - including environmental justice, community economic development, housing, and globalization. And they come from a variety of backgrounds - community organizers, social justice activists, professional planners, academics, and students. But what all Planners Networkers have in common is a commitment to work toward greater equity and fundamental change in how decisions are made in our global society.  
www.plannersnetwork.org;  
www.pnmb.ca
Where to Live

On-Campus Accommodation
For graduate students who want to live on campus, most choose to live in the Mauro Student Residence, as it is geared towards more independent living.

Other on-campus locations include the college residences: University College, St. John’s College and St. Andrew’s College. University College has a floor for professional/graduate students, with programs and activities geared towards more senior students.

All on-campus residences have a mandatory room and board plan. Contact 1-800-859-8737 or visit http://umanitoba.ca/student/housing/ for more information.

Off Campus Accommodation
Winnipeg offers a wide variety of living accommodations. The University is located adjacent to residential neighbourhoods, where some homes have rooms that are rented out to students. There are also many apartments and homes to rent in these areas.

Many students prefer to live closer to the city centre in neighbourhoods such as Osborne Village, Corydon Village, West Broadway, Broadway-Assiniboine, or Downtown. These areas are all easily accessible to the university through rapid transit connections, are quite walkable and have many amenities.

Osborne Village (image: B. Scott)

The University maintains an off-campus residence office located in room 416 of University
What to Bring

In addition to the standard school supplies (laptop, pens, pencils, notebooks), the following tools are essential:

**Winter clothes and gear**

Winnipeg winters can be quite cold, particularly with the wind-chill factor. A good winter coat, along with a hat, mittens, and a scarf, are invaluable additions to your wardrobe. Warm winter boots are also essential. Long underwear can make a chilly day much more bearable. But don’t forget your sunglasses. Winnipeg winters can be very bright and sunny!

![Exploring Campus in Winter (image: Andrew Macaulay)](image)

Winnipeggers are increasingly embracing winter! The Red River Mutual Trail (based out of the Forks) is great for walking and skating! The annual international design competition for warming huts has received a lot of media attention in recent years. There are many places to skate, curl, cross-country ski, and snowshoe in, and around, Winnipeg. Bring your skates, skis, or snowshoes!

**Camera**

Photography is a standard method of recording information and documenting projects in the studio courses. There is a wide range of body/lenses options, brands and prices. Some students have found a decent quality digital camera to be a good investment, but a smart phone will do in a pinch. Some high quality digital SLR cameras are available on short-term loan from the CADLab.

**Sketchbook/Journal and Drawing Supplies**

Studio work often involves some hands on drawing, sketching, reflective writing and note taking. A sketchbook/journal is handy to record any spur-of-the-moment drawings, ideas or insights. Sketchbooks/journals and art supplies are available at the University of
Manitoba Bookstore or at other art supply stores around Winnipeg.

**Digital File Storage**
City Planning assignments often take up a lot of storage space, so if you are using the campus computers and/or sharing information with others, invest in large capacity USB drive/memory stick. Many studio groups use Dropbox and Google Drive for file sharing. You should invest in an external drive for frequent and regular backups of your computer.

**Walking Shoes**
Course work (and orientation) often includes field trips and walking tours. A good pair of shoes will save your feet from pain and fatigue. As noted above, we recommend that you invest in other clothing that is suitable for Winnipeg weather (+30°C summer to –30°C winter).

**Where to Go and What to Do**

**Neighbourhoods**

**Exchange District**
This is an historic downtown neighbourhood with buildings dating from the turn of the 20th century. Unlike the central historic neighbourhoods in many other North American cities, the Exchange District is not a tourist trap, it is a working neighbourhood with many independently-owned businesses, restaurants and nightclubs. Of note is Old Market Square which often sees live entertainment in the summer months and several Winnipeg institutions including the Kings Head Pub, Parlour Coffee and Deer + Almond.

The historic Exchange District (image: exchangedistrict.org)
Chinatown
Located north of the Exchange District on King Street, this area has a selection of Chinese restaurants, groceries and shops.

Osborne Village
A small section of Osborne Street located in between the Assiniboine River and Winnipeg’s confusion corner (the junction of Pembina Highway, Corydon Avenue, McMillan Avenue, and Osborne Street). Osborne Village is a diverse and eclectic part of Winnipeg. Filled with people at all hours of the day, Osborne Village has a wide range of coffee shops, pubs, bars, shops, and restaurants. The neighbourhood is also full of rental properties, is well-connected to both Downtown and the University via the rapid transit station, and includes many amenities such as groceries and recreation complexes. A 24-hour pharmacy can be found at Osborne Street and Roslyn Road.

Corydon Avenue
Located just west of Osborne Village, Corydon Avenue features a large selection of cafes, pubs, restaurants and boutiques. It is referred to as Little Italy because there were once a large number of Italian establishments in the area. Many other amenities can be found in the neighbourhood, such as groceries, a small hardware store, and convenience store.

The Forks
Located at the junction of the Assiniboine and Red Rivers. Historically an Aboriginal meeting and trading site, the Forks now houses an enclosed marketplace with many unique shops and restaurants. The Forks also features the Children’s Museum, the Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Johnston Terminal, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the Esplanade Riel pedestrian bridge, which connects to St. Boniface, and a variety of walking and jogging pathways along the two rivers. The Forks serves as a gathering place all year round. It is often the central point in the Red River Mutual Trail and the site of RAW: Almond, Winnipeg’s famous dining experience on ice.
St. Boniface
Located east of downtown and the Forks, St. Boniface was settled by Winnipeg’s French Canadians. St. Boniface is home to a thriving French Canadian community, the largest in Canada outside of Quebec. Provencher Boulevard has many shops, restaurants and cafes. The neighbourhood is the epicentre for the Festival du Voyageur activities.

Assiniboine Park
Assiniboine Park is Winnipeg’s largest city park and features great jogging and walking trails, a recently renovated Zoo, a Conservatory, the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, the Lyric Theatre (for outdoor summer concerts and classic movie screenings) and the English Gardens.

Assiniboine Park Conservatory
The longest-established conservatory in Western Canada. Features include a Palm House with tropical trees and exotic plants, and a continuous display of flowering and foliage plants in a garden. It is a nice place to spend a few hours when the temperature has been below zero for a few months.

Assiniboine Park Zoo
Over 1,600 different animals are housed in natural exhibits. The zoo specializes in animals found in cooler climates from around the world, as well as native North American species.

The English Garden
Winding paths and free form beds indicative of the English landscape style. Located across from the Duck Pond. The English Garden also houses the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden.
**Assiniboine Forest**
Located south of Assiniboine Park, this 283 hectare (700 acre) forest of aspen and oak is one of the largest urban nature parks in Canada. The forest is home to more than 39 species of mammals.

**Kildonan Park**
This 99 acre park bordering the Red River is renowned for its beautiful trees and gardens, rolling lawns, Rainbow Stage (for summer performance of musicals), Olympic-size outdoor swimming pool, witch’s hut and public boat dock. Some cross country ski trails are groomed in the park and adjacent golf course in January and February. Note: excellent cross country ski trails can be found at Windsor Park and just outside the city at Beaudry Provincial Park.

**Art and Culture**

**Bandwidth Theatre**
https://www.facebook.com/bandwidthwinnipeg

**Black Hole Theatre**
The University of Manitoba’s own theatre company, with work produced and featuring University of Manitoba theatre students. For information contact their box office at 204-474-6880 or their website <http://www.umanitoba.ca/theatre/bhtc.htm>.

**Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR)**
Opened in 2014, the CMHR is the first national museum to be built in nearly 50 years and the first outside of the National Capital Region. Dedicated to the evolution, celebration and future of human rights, the museum features interactive exhibits, guided tours and breathtaking architecture.

**Contemporary Dancers**
Canada’s oldest modern dance company.
Centre culturel franco-manitobain
Promotes a vibrant French culture through live musical entertainment, art gallery, exclusive gift boutique, restaurant-bar-terrace, workshops, school programming and summer camp.

Gas Station Arts Centre (GSAC)
Situated in Osborne Village, the GSAC is a hub for local urban arts activity in Winnipeg. Shows of all kinds appear throughout the year including several during the Winnipeg Fringe Festival and the Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

The Lyric Theatre (at Assiniboine Park)
An outdoor theatre, built in 1999, in the classic Tudor architectural style. It showcases performances by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Events also include jazz performances and classic movie screenings.

Manitoba Museum and Planetarium
A visit to the Manitoba Museum is recommended for students arriving from out of town. The displays provide a good introduction to the land and the people of Manitoba. The adjacent Planetarium runs a series of events and multi-media shows for the stargazers.

Manitoba Opera
The only professional opera company between Toronto and Calgary presents three operas every season in November, February and April.

Manitoba Theatre for Young People (MTYP)
This nationally acclaimed theatre presents plays for children and teens and is Manitoba’s only professional theatre devoted solely to young audiences. It is located at the Forks.

Prairie Dog Central
Step into yesteryear and become part of the world of wooden coaches, steam and cinders. Charming steam train and five turn of the century coaches travels 45 km on a two-and-a-half hour train excursion.

Rainbow Stage
Operating in August, in beautiful Kildonan Park, this is Canada’s oldest continuously running outdoor musical theatre venue.

Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre – Main Stage and Warehouse Theatres
The MTC Main Stage and Warehouse Theatres presents an exciting variety of live theatre throughout the year. The Warehouse is a smaller more intimate venue. The season for both stages runs from September to April.

Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB)
One of Canada’s cultural treasures presents a four-performance season in Winnipeg annually. The RWB also presents Ballet in the Park during the summer (at the Lyric Theatre in Assiniboine Park).

The Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG)
Known throughout Canada for its sculptures, paintings and exhibitions, the Art Gallery is located in an iconic building on Memorial Boulevard. On Wednesday nights it is open until 9 pm and admission is free of charge.
**Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO)**
The WSO presents the best in orchestral music and world-class guest soloists. Classical masterworks, pops, concerts for children, families, the new Music Festival, and an array of specials.

**Festivals and Celebrations**

**Folklorama**
Canada’s Cultural Celebration, Folklorama is a two-week festival held the first and second weeks of August. Pavilions representing cultures from around the world share their traditions through scrumptious cuisine, entertainment, and exhibits.

**Winnipeg Jazz Festival**
Features the hottest jazz and blues performers from around the world at both free and ticketed events in the second half of June.

**Le Cercle Moliere**
Theatre en français! Canada’s oldest active theatre company, produces four plays presented in the Theatre de la Chapelle, an intimate café-style venue unique to Winnipeg.

**Le Festival du Voyageur**
Visitors experience the “joie de vivre” of one of Canada’s top winter festivals, held every February in historic St. Boniface, Winnipeg’s “French Quarter”.

![Festival at Fort Gibraltar (image: Jeanette Greaves)](image)

**The Winnipeg International Children’s Festival**
Features music, dance, puppetry shows and hands-on displays with local, national and international artists. The festival is hosted every year in early June at the Forks.

**Winnipeg Folk Festival**
Held in July at Bird’s Hill Provincial Park, the Folk Festival is an internationally-acclaimed celebration of people and music, featuring over 80 acts, seven daytime stages, evening main stage, family area, craft village and food area. Public transit to the Park is available throughout the Festival from several central locations.
Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival
Presented by the Manitoba Theatre Centre, 11 days of noon to midnight theatre performances in the Exchange District at the end of July.

Local Sport Teams

Winnipeg Jets
Winnipeg’s NHL team is back in the new MTS Centre! Season tickets can be hard to find, but tickets for some games can be had!

Manitoba Moose
Can’t find tickets for the Jets? Their AHL Affiliate team is your next best bet. See some of the NHL’s rising stars. Group packages are also available!

Winnipeg Blue Bombers
Winnipeg’s Canadian Football League (CFL) team plays in the new Investors Group Field, located at the University of Manitoba.

Winnipeg Goldeyes
Professional Northern League Baseball from late May through early September at the CanWest Global Park, adjacent to the Forks and Downtown.

Movie Theatres
Cinematique (Artspace Building, Market Square, Exchange District) – independent cinema
Garden City (Mall) Theatres
Grant Park (Mall) Theatres
Kildonan Park (Mall) Theatres
Silver City – at Polo Park Mall
Silver City – at St. Vital Mall
Towne Cinema – discount cinema (Exchange District)
Cinema City 8 – ultra-discount cinema

**Getting Around**

Students who wish to drive to, and park on, campus are required to purchase a pass from parking services.

Those who choose to bike to school should have a secure bike lock, as there are no bike locks on campus. There is, however, a secure bike area and bike repair station located on the west side of the parkade.

The Office of Sustainability at the University of Manitoba has produced this video on how to bike to campus from Pembina Highway: [http://news.umanitoba.ca/the-best-way-to-bike-to-campus-from-pembina/](http://news.umanitoba.ca/the-best-way-to-bike-to-campus-from-pembina/)

**Winnipeg Transit**

There are many Winnipeg Transit connections from the University to the rest of the city. Information can be found on the Winnipeg Transit website which includes a handy route planning app [http://www.winnipegtransit.com](http://www.winnipegtransit.com).

Printed schedules can be found at the Millennium Library or the Transit info booth in Winnipeg Square (adjacent to the Scotia Bank).

Tickets and passes can be purchased at Answers in University Centre. Winnipeg Transit offers reduced fares for university students purchasing bus passes and soon will be providing the U-Pass for all full-time students.