

Section IV: Information about Canadian Mennonite University

Accreditation and Relationship with Other Universities

Canadian Mennonite University is authorized by the Province of Manitoba to grant degrees through the Canadian Mennonite University Act. This legislation attests to the quality of the half-century record of Mennonite post-secondary institutions in Manitoba.

In Fall of 2008 CMU became a member of the Universities Canada. The association establishes principles for quality assurance of academic programs both in Canadian contexts and abroad.

Though Canada does not have a nation-wide, formal process or agency for accrediting universities, accreditation is practiced in reference to a number of factors. In general, it is based on criteria recognized by Canadian universities and colleges, such as faculty competence, accepted academic policies and procedures, standards of instruction, and standards of student achievement.

The quality and recognition of CMU's academic programs and degrees are based on the following factors:

1. The quality of its faculty, and their commitment to excellence in teaching and research. Around 85% of faculty members hold doctoral degrees from recognized institutions.
2. CMU's longstanding, formal relationships with the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. Beginning in 1964, the University of Manitoba recognized Canadian Mennonite Bible College (one of CMU's founding colleges) as an "Approved Teaching Centre." In 1970, Mennonite Brethren Bible College (later Concord College, another founding college) entered a reciprocal cross-registration arrangement with the University of Winnipeg. Menno Simons College has been affiliated with the University of Winnipeg since the establishment of the college in 1988; its programs are fully integrated with the University of Winnipeg.
3. Continued recognition of CMU courses and degrees by local universities. The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba have demonstrated a continuing recognition of CMU's courses and degrees. Courses with a specifically Christian ministries focus, however, may not be recognized for transfer credit.
4. The track record of CMU students. CMU graduates are gaining admission to universities across Canada and the U.S.A. into professional and graduate schools (e.g., University of Manitoba, University of Alberta, University of Toronto, Duke University, McMaster University, and University of Edinburgh).
5. CMU's music department is a member of the Canadian University Music Society.

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