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### High School Students Discover Endless Possibilities at UWinnipeg's Enrichment Mini-Course Program

WINNIPEG - **From April 25 – 29** hundreds of Manitoba high school students will be on The University of Winnipeg campus, examining everything from the influence of psychoanalysis on pop culture to understanding the early stages of the formation of the universe. It's all part of the University's Enrichment Mini-Course Program (EMC), designed to introduce exceptional high school students to the possibilities and advantages of higher education.

This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> offering of the EMC at The University of Winnipeg. This unique program began in the spring of 1984 in response to a request made by school divisions to give their most promising students a taste of the university experience that awaits them. Over the years, the program has given more than 10,000 students from across the province a glimpse into their post-secondary future.

The majority of the 500 participants who attend each year are Winnipeg residents; however, many travel from 58 rural Manitoba communities—including Norway House, The Pas, Cranberry Portage, Beausejour, Russell, and Arborg—to take part in this prestigious program.

Hinton Bradbury, the academic director of the Enrichment Mini-Course Program says, "The sooner we can put high school students in touch with professional scholarship, the more likely it is that they will see that pursuit as something that is both desirable and within their reach."

The special program offers a wide variety of courses, all of which are tailored to a high school audience and designed to provide students with one week of class experience on a topic of the students' selection. To enhance the element of personal access, class sizes are limited to approximately 20 students. To qualify for the program, students must be recommended by their division. The cost for the program is \$110.

New courses offered this year include *The Politics of Rights* (taught by Byron Sheldrick), *The Evolution of Personality* (Paul Trapnell and Ross Broughton), *Speech and Voice* (Gail Loadman), and *Understanding the Archaeological and Forensic Record* (Michael MacKinnon). All mini-courses are designed to pique curiosity about the university experience and inspire that proverbial thirst for knowledge that brings promising scholars to The University of Winnipeg each year.

*Located in the heart of downtown, The University of Winnipeg is a compact, diverse, multicultural academic community committed to access and excellence. Ranked by our graduates in Maclean's magazine University Graduate Survey (November 15, 2004) in the Top Ten of all Canadian universities when asked about their "Entire Educational Experience," UWinnipeg is home to more than 8,700 full- and part-time students.*

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