

History 305 - Summer 2022

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Tuesday, 4:30-6:30 pm

Canadian Urban History

CONTENT:

History of the urban development of Canada from New France to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Seminar format. Course is divided into two parts, focusing on the early-modern and 19th century history of Canada and its 20th and 21st century sequels. Thematic focus is on the geographical development of Canada and the creation of the Canadian nation from its multi-ethnic colonial foundations. The Canadian experience between American, British and French influence is emphasized. Lecture material provides students with a foundation for discussion. Students discuss historical readings and primary sources to develop communication, critical and creative thinking skills. Students produce a research essay on a subject related to Canadian Urban History to test written communication skills. Midterm and final exam directly test students' learning and breadth of knowledge.

GRADING:

1. Attendance	20%
2. Midterm	20%
3. Research paper	30%
4. Final exam	30%

REQUIRED TEXTS:

None

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Seminars: Section 5, Tuesday 7-9 pm, Vancouver House, Room W-305

Online Guided Learning Schedule Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm

Week 1: July 12, July 14

Introduction, overview

Week 2: July 19, July 21

Foundation of Quebec, the Fur trade, the Seven Years War, & the Treaty of Paris.

Selection from *A People's History of Quebec*, by Jacques Lacoursiere & Robin Philpot (Quebec: Baraka Books, 1992).

Chapter 5 in Alan Taylor, *American Colonies* (New York: Penguin Books, 2001)

The Death of Wolfe by Benjamin West

<https://www.gallery.ca/collection/artwork/the-death-of-general-wolfe-0> ;
<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/11/25/arts/benjamin-west-general-wolfe.html>

Week 3: July 26, July 28

Eastern urban consolidation through the American Revolution, War of the 1812, the 1837/8 rebellions, to Confederation.

Second reading from *A People's History of Quebec*, by Jacques Lacoursiere & Robin Philpot (Quebec: Baraka Books, 1992).

“Canada from 1815” by Ged Martin, in *The Nineteenth Century*, ed. Andrew Porter (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Week 4: August 2, August 4

Victoria and the west, contest with the United States, industrialization and railroad transport infrastructure, foundation of Manitoba and Red River rebellion, the Cariboo and Yukon gold rushes, Canada to the eve of the First World War.

Reading from *Britannia's Navy on the West Coast of North America, 1812-1914*, by Barry Gough (Vancouver: Heritage House Publishing, 2016)

“The Critical Period of British Columbia History, 1866-1871” by Walter Sage, *Pacific Historical Review* (1932), vol. 1, no. 4

“Working Class Vancouver, 1886-1914: Urbanism and Class in British Columbia” by Robert McDonald, *BC Studies*, no. 69-70, Spring-Summer 1986

Week 5: August 9, August 11

Midterm

Week 6: August 16, August 18

The boom of 1900-1913, the eastern banking and finance establishments, Vancouver and the west, Canada's role in the First World War.

“Wealth and Privilege: An Analysis of Winnipeg's Early Business Elite” by Don Nerbas, *Manitoba History*, vol. 47, Spring 2004

“Grain-Growing and Canadian Expansion” by Edward Porritt, *The North American Review*, vol. 197, no. 687 (February 1913)

“The Canadian Pacific Railway and Vancouver's Development to 1900” by Norbert MacDonald, *BC Studies*, no. 35, Autumn 1977

Select Research Paper topics

Week 7: August 23, August 25

Oil and the prairies, automobiles, Canada's role in the Second World War, changing relationships between municipal, provincial and federal governments

“Making New Identities: Alberta Small Towns Confront the City, 1900-1950” by Donald Wetherell, *Journal of Canadian Studies*, Vol. 39, No. 1, Winter 2005.

“Canada, the North Atlantic Triangle, and the Empire” by David Mackenzie, chapter 25 in *The Twentieth Century*, eds, Judith Brown and W. M. Roger Louis (Oxford University Press, 1999)

“‘Reckless Walking Must be Discouraged’: The Automobile Revolution and the Shaping of Modern Urban Canada to 1930” by Stephen Davies, *Urban History Review*, vol. 18, no. 2, 1989

Week 8: August 30, September 1

Modern Canada as an Urban nation, metropolitanism, Canada's role in the Cold War

First reading from Robert Bothwell, *Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto, Penguin Group, 2006)

“Urban Development in Canada” by J. M. Careless, *Urban History Review*, vol. 3, no. 1, June 1974

“Home Dreams: Women and the Suburban Experiment in Canada, 1945-60” by Veronica Strong-Boag, *Canadian Historical Review*, vol. 72, no. 4, 1991

Week 9: September 6, September 8

Post-industrialism and the aerospace age, post-staples economy, the service sector and energy, NAFTA.

Second reading from Robert Bothwell, *Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto, Penguin Group, 2006)

“Canada as an Urban Nation” by Alan Artibise, *Daedalus*, vol. 117, no. 4, Fall 1988

“The Two Economies of British Columbia” by H. Craig Davis and Thomas A. Hutton, *BC Studies*, no. 82, Summer 1989

Week 10: September 13, September 15

Review

Research papers DUE

Week 11: September 19

EXAM PERIOD

Research Essay Format: Chicago Style NOT APA

<https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/book/ed17/frontmatter/toc.html>

General Undergraduate Grade Rubric

Descriptor	Percentage	Letter Grade	Numeric Value
Exceptional	90% - 100%	A+	4.33
Outstanding	85% - 89%	A	4.00
Excellent	80% - 84%	A-	3.67
Very Good	76% - 79%	B+	3.33
Good	72% - 75%	B	3.00
Good	68% - 71%	B-	2.67
Satisfactory	64% - 67%	C+	2.33
Satisfactory	60% - 63%	C	2.00
Pass	55% - 59%	C-	1.67
Marginal Pass	50% - 54%	D	1.00
Fail	0% - 49%	F	0.00

Late penalty = 10% per day

Cheating = Zero grade

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