

History 305 (6) - Winter 2023
WP 700

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Canadian Urban History

CONTENT:

History of the urban development of Canada from New France to the present day. Seminar format. Course is divided into two parts, the first focusing on Canada's early modern settlement, industrialization in the 19th century, and the formation of the Canadian Dominion. The second half covers the 20th and 21st century sequels: integration with the United States, Canada's global role, increasing urbanization, technological and infrastructural development. The course focuses on Canada as a multicultural society with a vast cultural heritage. Readings provide students with a foundation for developing communication and critical thinking skills. The readings cover a spectrum of historians, emphasizing the theoretical and historiographical nature of the subject material. Students produce Primary Source Analysis to test research and thesis formulation skills. Midterm and final exam directly test students' learning and breadth of knowledge.

GRADING:

1. Attendance	20%
2. Midterm	20%
3. Primary Source Analyses	30%
4. Final exam	30%

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Robert Bothwell, *The Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto: Penguin Group, 2007)

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

Richard Pomfret, *The Economic Development of Canada* (New York: Routledge, 2014)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Seminars, Section 6: Wednesday 2:30 to 4:20 pm, West Pender room 700
Online Guided Learning Schedule: Monday 2:30 pm to 4:20 pm

ASSIGNMENTS:

Primary Source Analyses (PSAs)

Each week when primary sources are assigned in the readings, students will select a source and write a brief response. Students must print out the PSA response and bring it to class. These written responses are collected and graded each week.

A quality source analysis will demonstrate that the student has:

- 1) Understood the importance of the document and reflected on its historical meaning.
- 2) Addressed fundamental questions such as the origin, author, objective and context of the document.
- 3) Written a concise appreciation of the document identifying what the student considers are key questions and areas of interest.

Midterm and Final Exams

The exams are formatted for short answer questions. Students should use their knowledge from readings, lectures, and their own research and knowledge to respond to questions as completely as possible.

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 = 20% per day

Cheating = Zero grade

Academic Conduct Information & Turnitin Policy

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Week 1: January 11

Introduction, overview. Canadian urban historiography, Canadian political-economy. Course themes and assignments. Early history of North America & European exploration.

Primary Sources

Lief Erikson's Saga & the Saga of Erik the Red

Secondary Sources

"The Peoples of Eastern North America," Chapter 1 & "The Age of European Exploration" Chapter 2 in Middleton & Lombard, *Colonial America: A History to 1763* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011)

"Children of Gluskap: Wabanaki Indians on the Eve of the European Invasion" by Harald E. L. Prins (1994)

"Cartier's Second Voyage, 1535-1536," Chapter 12 in Samuel Eliot Morison, *The European Discovery of America: The Northern Voyages* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993)

"Royal Beginning" Chapter 2 in Stephen R. Bown, *The Company: The Rise and Fall of the Hudson's Bay Empire* (Toronto: Anchor Canada, 2021)

Week 2: January 18

Foundation of Quebec, Mercantilism and the Fur trade, New France and the imperial struggle, the Seven Years War & the Treaty of Paris.

Primary sources

Samuel de Champlain, To the King and Lords of His Council, 1618

Jean Talon, Memoir on Canada, 1673

Council Meeting at Governor's House in Halifax, 1755

Marie de la Visitation, Narrative of the Doings During the Siege of Quebec, 1759

Death of General Wolfe by Benjamin West, 1770

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/11/25/arts/benjamin-west-general-wolfe.html>

Secondary sources

“The fur trade,” Chapter 3 in Richard White, *The Middle Ground* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011)

“Furs and Faith: New France, 1603-1663,” Chapter 2 & “Consolidation and Conflict: Canada, 1663-1748,” Chapter 3 in *Conflict & Compromise, Pre-Confederation*, ed. Blake et al (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017)

“New France, 1524-1629: A Commercial Outpost,” Chapter 2 & “Society and the Frontier” Chapter 5 & “The Fur Trade Frontier, 1663-1700” Chapter 6 & “The Imperial Frontier, 1700-1750” Chapter 7 in W. J. Eccles, *The Canadian Frontier, 1534-1760* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1983)

“Over the Forest, Part 2, 1694-1701” Chapter 6 in Jon Parmenter, *The Edge of the Woods* (Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2010).

“The Pre-emptive Conquest, 1749-1763” Chapter 7 in W. J. Eccles, *The French in North America, 1500-1783* (Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1998)

Week 3: January 25

Eastern urban consolidation through the American Revolution, War of 1812, the 1837/8 rebellions, Lord Durham's Report.

Primary sources

William Dunlop, *Recollections of the American War 1812-14* (1847)

The Ninety-Two Resolutions, in *Journals of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada*, 1834

Catharine Parr Traill, *The Backwoods of Canada*, 1836

Six Counties Address, from *The Vindicator*, 31 October 1837

A dispatch from Lord Durham to Lord Gleneig, 9 August 1838

Lord Durham's Report, 1839

<https://primarydocuments.ca/report-on-the-affairs-of-british-north-america-durham-report/>

Secondary sources

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

Selection from *A Military History of Canada*, by Desmond Morton (Toronto: McClelland & Stewart Inc., 1992)

"The American Revolution and Nova Scotia Reconsidered" by George A. Rawlyk, *Dalhousie Review*, vol. 43, no. 3 (1963)

"The Family in Exile: Loyalist Social Values after the Revolution" by Ann Gorman Condon (1995)

"Reluctant Warriors: British North Americans and the War of 1812" by E. Jane Errington (2001) & "His Majesty's Indian Allies: Native Peoples, the British Crown and the War of 1812" by Robert S. Allen, *Michigan Historical Review*, vol. 14 (1988)

"Evolution and Revolution: British North America, 1763-1784," Chapter 5 & "A Contest of Identities: British North America, 1784-1815," Chapter 6 & "A Developing Colonial Economy, 1815-1836," Chapter 7 & "Rebellion" Chapter 8, in *Conflict & Compromise, Pre-Confederation*, ed. Blake et al (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017)

"Transformations and Connections, 1815-1840" Chapter 7 in Robert Bothwell, *The Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto: Penguin Group, 2007)

"The Winter's Tale: The Season Contours of Pre-industrial Poverty in British North America, 1815-1860" by Judith Fingard, *Historical Papers*, vol. 9, no. 1, 1974

Week 4: February 1

Victoria and the west in the first half of the 19th century, contest and settlement with the United States, the Cariboo and Yukon gold rushes, foundation of Manitoba and the Red River rebellion.

Primary sources

Alexander Mackenzie, *Voyage from Fort Chipewyan to the Arctic Ocean in 1789*

Simon Fraser, *Thompson River to the Strait of Georgia, 1808*

Lord Selkirk, *A Sketch of the British Fur Trade, 1815*

Matthew MacFie, *Vancouver Island and British Columbia, 1865*

Louis Riel, *Statement, The Queen v. Louis Riel, 1885*

Secondary sources

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

“Prologue to the Red River Resistance: Pre-liminal Politics and the Triumph of Riel,” by Gerhard Ens, *Journal of the Canadian Historical Associations*, vol. 5, no. 1, 1994

“The Trade in Furs, 1789-1849” by Jean Barman, Chapter 3, & “Impetus to Settlement, 1846-1858” Chapter 4 in *The West Beyond the West* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2004)

Week 5: February 8

Canadian political, economic and infrastructure development at the end of the 19th century. Confederation, Canadian Pacific Railroad, settling the Canadian west, the early history of Vancouver, the middle and working classes, wealth stratification.

Primary sources

A. A. Dorion parliamentary debate, 1865

Speech by George Etienne Cartier, 1865

Joseph Howe speech, 1866

The Last Spike, CPR, 7 November 1885

<https://canadaehx.com/2021/10/07/the-last-spike/>

Report of the Treaty Commission, 22 September 1899

Secondary sources

“The Transcontinental Railways” Chapter 18 in W. T. Easterbrook and Hugh. G. J. Aitken, *Canadian Economic History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)

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

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

“Colonies into Provinces” Chapters 8 in Robert Bothwell, *The Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto: Penguin Group, 2007)

Chapters 1 & 3 in *Reconsidering Confederation, Canada’s Founding Debates, 1864-1999*, ed. Daniel Heidt (Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2018)

Week 6: February 15

Midterm Exam

Week 7: February 22

Klondike gold rush, the boom of 1896-1914, boosterism, Vancouver labour developments, grain economy on the prairies, banking and finance establishments, Canada's role in the First World War.

Primary sources

W. D. Scott, *The Immigration by Races*, 1914

Address by Henri Bourassa, 1915

Talbot M. Papineau, *An Open Letter from Cpt Talbot Papineau to Mr. Henri Bourassa*, 21 March 1916

Robert Borden, House of Commons debate, 1917

Secondary sources

Chapters 4 & 5 in *Conflict & Compromise, Post-Confederation*, ed. Blake et al (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017)

“Money and Banking in Canadian Development” & “The Wheat Economy” Chapter 19 & 20 in W. T. Easterbrook and Hugh. G. J. Aitken, *Canadian Economic History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)

“Significant Factors in Canadian Economic Development” by H. A. Innis, *Canadian Historical Review*, vol. 18, no. 4, 1937 Winter.

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

“Boom and Bust, 1896-1914” Chapter 10 in Robert Bothwell, *The Penguin History of Canada* (Toronto: Penguin Group, 2007)

“The Battle of Vimy Ridge, 9-14 April 1917” & “Conscription” Chapter 8 & 11 in G. W. L. Nicholson, *Canadian Expeditionary Force* (Ottawa, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2015)

Week 8: March 1

The Great Depression, automobiles and suburbanism, changing relationships between municipal, provincial and federal governments, Canada's role in the Second World War.

Primary sources

H. D. P. The Failure of the Suffrage Movement to Bring Freedom to Women, *The Woman Worker*, December 1928

Brief Presented by the Unemployed of Edmonton to the Hon. R. B. Bennett, 30 December 1933

K. Miyazaki, *Memoirs*, 1940s

The Cabinet and War Service, the *Toronto Daily Star*, 1 October 1942

<https://collections.warmuseum.ca/warclip/objects/common/webmedia.php?irn=5059066>

Secondary sources

“A North American City, 1914-1929” Chapter 9 in Paul-Andre Lindeau, *The History of Montreal* (Montreal: Baraka Books, 2013)

“Protest” by Daniel Francis, Chapter 5 in *Becoming Vancouver* (Madeira Park, Harbour Publishing, 2021)

“‘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

“From Summer Cottage Colony to Metropolitan Suburb: Toronto's Beach District, 1889-1929” by Nik Luka, *Urban History Review*, vol. 35, no.1, 2006 fall

“Lights Out: Conserving Electricity for War in the Canadian City, 1939-1945” by Matthew Evenden, *Urban History Review*, vol. 34, no. 1, 2005 fall

“The Assault on Northwest Europe” Chapter 17 in W. A. B. Douglas, Roger Sarty, and Michael Whitby, *A Blue Water Navy* (St. Catharines, Ontario: Vanwell Publishing Ltd., 2007)

Week 9: March 8

Demographic transformation, metropolitanism, New Industrialism to Post-industrialism, increasing regionalism, Canada's role in the Cold War

Primary sources

Cynthia Steers, How Much Are You Worth to Your Husband? *Chatelaine*, April 1959

Dr. Murray Ross, Why Students Rebel, Speech to the Empire Club of Canada, 8 February 1968

Pierre Trudeau, Just Watch Me interview, 13 October 1970

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfUq9b1XTa0>

Letter to the Minister, *the Berger Report*, 1977

Rene Levesque, Quebec Independence, 1978

Maude Barlow, The Free Trade Agreement Fails Canada, 1991

Secondary sources

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

“Oil Money 1947-1980” Chapter 19 in J. G. MacGregor, *A History of Alberta* (Edmonton: Hurtig Publishers, Ltd. 1981)

“A Canadian Perspective on Canada-US Defence Relations” in *The Selected Works of George R. Lindsey*, ed., Matthew S. Wiseman (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2019)

“The New Industrialism” Chapter 21 in W. T. Easterbrook and Hugh. G. J. Aitken, *Canadian Economic History* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)

“Regional-Economic Cleavages” Chapter 2 in Rand Dyck, *Canadian Politics: Critical Approaches* (Scarborough, Ontario: Nelson Canada, 1993).

Chapters 10 & 11 in *Conflict & Compromise, Post-Confederation*, ed. Blake et al (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017)

Week 10: March 15

The aerospace age, post-staples economy, computerization, convergence theory, smart cities, NAFTA to the USMCA

Primary sources

Tzeporah Berman, *Clayoquot and Dissent* 1994

M. Gibbons, "The Clayoquot Papers," 1994

Unnamed Canadian Warrant Officer Serving with Canadian Contingent to UNAMIR, To Jane Snailham, Somewhere in Rwanda, 21 December 1995

Richard Sanders, "Canada's Peacekeeping Myth," The Canadian Centre for Teaching Peace, 1998

Secondary sources

Chapter 12 in *Conflict & Compromise, Post-Confederation*, ed. Blake et al (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017)

"Canada in the World Order Era," Chapter 1 in, *Campaigns for International Security*, by Douglas L. Bland and Sean M. Maloney, (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004).

"Megacity Machinations (or Madness)" by Allan Levine, Chapter 13 in *Toronto, Biography of a City* (Madeira Park: Douglas and McIntyre, 2021)

"Vancouverism and its Discontents" by Daniel Francis, Chapter 8 in *Becoming Vancouver* (Madeira Park, Harbour Publishing, 2021)

"A New Dynamic, 1980-2006" by Jean Barman, Chapter 15 in *The West Beyond the West* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2004)

Week 11: March 22

Final Exam