

The University of Western Ontario  
Department of History  
2011-2012

**HISTORY 2127G 001 UW - IN SEARCH OF MODERN CANADA:  
POSTWAR TO THE PRESENT**

Lectures: Wednesday, 3.30 – 5:30  
SCB 2200

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History 2127G is a lecture course that examines the major political, social, economic and cultural developments in Canada since 1945. Students are expected to attend lectures, write a book review and a final examination. This course will give students a broad understanding of Canada's recent history, while developing leadership skills through the cultivation of critical thinking and effective communication.

**Please note:** Students who are registered in, or who may be contemplating a Specialization, a Major or Minor in History, should be aware that History 2201E is a required course and that History 2127G is an antirequisite for the former History 2207 F/G and 2217F/G .

**REQUIRED TEXT BOOK:**

Bumsted, J. M. *A History of the Canadian Peoples*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2011, esp. 356-564.

**ASSIGNMENT:**

-1500 word book review of Dan Bjarnason's *Triumph at Kapyong: Canada's Pivotal Battle in Korea*. Toronto: Dundurn, 2011. (Please note that this book is **not** a novel.)

**Due date: Wednesday, 4 April 2012, 3:30 pm in class.**

- The book review must be a reasoned scholarly assessment of the overall strengths and weaknesses of the book, not a description of its content, or an analysis of the book's emotional or intellectual impact upon readers. Focus on the intrinsic merits or demerits of the book.

- All reviews must be double spaced, printed clearly, and written in formal English. (Do not use the first person singular or plural, contractions, slang, etc.).

- Word count must appear at the end of the book review.
- Two marks will be deducted for every time students refer to Bjarnason's book in their book reviews as a "novel."
- Students must keep a copy on hand of all reviews submitted, together with research notes, drafts, etc.
- Late penalty: 5 marks per day. **NO EXTENSIONS.**
- Submit all essays in class; only late essays should be submitted to the History Department Office, date stamped and registered.
- Do not submit reviews under the Instructor's office door.

### **EXAMINATION:**

There will be a two hour final examination based on the **lectures and textbook**. It will be held on a date set by the Registrar during the examination period in April. **Students must pass the examination in order to pass the course.**

### **MARKING:**

Book review	40%
Final Examination	60%

### **HISTORY 2127G CALENDAR:**

11	Jan.	Introduction to History 2127G
15	Feb.	The Art of Book Review Writing
22	Feb.	Reading Week
04	April	Book Reviews Due
11	April	Conclusions

### **SPECIAL PROBLEMS:**

Students are advised to plan ahead to allow enough time to complete the assignment in the event of minor illnesses or personal problems. Students encountering serious problems beyond their control, and who are unable to fulfil course requirements, should review university regulations in the academic calendar and advise their Instructor **immediately**. Course work will not be regraded on a retroactive basis.

Academic accommodation on medical grounds may be granted if supported by a University of Western Ontario Student Medical Certificate. This form can be assessed at the following website: [http://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical\\_document.pdf](http://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_document.pdf) or be picked up at the Academic Counselling Office in the student's home faculty. For Social Science students: SSC 2105. More information can be found at:

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf>

*Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.*

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PLAGIARISM

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of Publication and page number. Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writer's ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method

of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source; these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

#### MEDICAL ACCOMMODATION

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Please go to [https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical\\_accommodations\\_link\\_for\\_OOR.pdf](https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_accommodations_link_for_OOR.pdf) to read about the University's policy on medical accommodation. Please go to <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medicalform.pdf> to download the necessary form. In the event of illness, you should contact Academic Counselling as soon as possible. The Academic Counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not accommodation is warranted. They will subsequently contact the instructors in the relevant courses about the accommodation. Once a decision has been made about accommodation, the student should contact his/her instructors to determine a new due date for term tests, assignments, and exams.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact, Rebecca Dashford, Undergraduate Program Advisor, Department of History, 519-661-2111 x84962 or [rdashfo@uwo.ca](mailto:rdashfo@uwo.ca)