

HISTORY 2120A [001]
Northern Enterprise: Canadian Business & Labour History
Fall/Winter 2021-2022
Wednesday 2:30-4:20 pm [in person]
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This is a draft syllabus. Please see your course OWL site for the final syllabus.

Course Description:

The development and effect of business in Canada from the late nineteenth century, with special emphasis on its social impact and the emergence of a Canadian labour movement.

Antirequisite:

The former History 2213F/G

Course Syllabus:

Businessmen as Heroes and scrooges; Labour activists as: Trouble makers. Popular perceptions of heroes and villains abound; history offers more nuanced images. This course examines Canadian **both** business and labour history within the framework of Canadian economic history. Key themes include changing business conduct, the varying fortunes of Canadian labour, evolving state roles, and implications of these changes. Ideally, students will add understanding of this history, while strengthening analytical and communications skills. Ideally, come with an interest in how Canada's economic development was shaped by the joint effort of entrepreneurs and workers.

Course Materials:

There is no Course text; brief videos, "Bullet Notes" and Powerpoint slides are available on the OWL site. There are other course elements [e.g. Forum] in OWL related to participation.

Methods of Evaluation: Tentative

Participation:		20 %	
Online Group Discussion		10	
Thoughts on early coverage	[750 words]	15	Due : tba
History Suggests? idea piece	[1000 words]	20	Due : tba
Final Exam:		35	Registrar sets date

Given the brevity of the writing tasks, extensions will need to meet the formal University criteria.

Course Schedule [topics]:

1. Introduction // Early Staples & Colonial Beginnings
2. Staples, Regional Economies & Infrastructures in British North America
3. "Manufactures" & Labour in British North America to 1870
4. National Policy & the "Great Transformation"
5. Labour and the "Great Transformation"
6. The Great War and the 1920s
7. Economic Crisis
8. Wartime Developments Take Two
9. "Big is In": Business, Labour & Government to the 1970s
10. Toward a Global Economy: to the 1990s
11. Neo-Conservative Times

Accommodation for missed assignment deadlines with a Self Reported Absence:

If a student reports a SRA for an assignment (i.e. an essay) the new due date will be 48 hours after the SRA was submitted. For example, if you complete a SRA on March 19 at 3pm, your new due date will be March 21 at 3pm.

Use of Electronic Devices:

No electronic devices will be permissible for use for the Final examination. Use in lectures at the discretion of the professor – objectionable or distracting use forbidden.

Additional Statements:

Please review the Department of History Course Must-Knows document, <https://www.history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/Docs/Department%20of%20History%20Course%20Must-Knows.pdf>, for additional information regarding:

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