

HISTORY 2201E

Canada's Past

A Critical History from the Origins to the Present

Fall/Winter 2021-21



from Benjamin West, *The Death of General Wolfe*, 1770 & Kent Monkman, *The Scream*, 2017

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This is a draft syllabus. Please see your course OWL site for the final syllabus.

Course Description:

This course surveys the history of Canada with an emphasis on Indigenous peoples, colonialism and imperialism; the history of warfare and international relations; immigration, industrialization and state formation; and the diverse ways that gender, class, and race shaped the lives of everyday Canadians.

Antirequisite(s):

History 1201E, History 2203E, History 2204F/G, History 2205E, History 2710F/G.

Course Syllabus:

Students will write two major essays and two examinations. Students will also participate in tutorials and discuss readings and lectures in tutorials.

Learning outcomes:

By the course's completion, students will be able to

- identify, investigate, and discuss key themes and developments in the history of Canada,
- relate contemporary issues in Canadian life to their historical developments,
- interpret and evaluate historical documents, exploring their factual basis, assumptions, biases, and rhetoric,
- analyze and assess secondary sources, and
- improve their skills in communicating ideas and arguments through class discussions and written assignments.

Course Materials:

The required textbooks, available in print through the Campus Bookstore or as an e-book through the links below, are

- Wardhaugh and MacEachern, [*Origins: Canadian History to Confederation*](#), 8th edition (2017).
- Wardhaugh and MacEachern, [*Destinies: Canadian History since Confederation*](#), 8th edition (2017).

Tutorial readings are available on the OWL course website and/or through the Western Libraries website.

Methods of Evaluation:

Further information on all assignments will be provided on OWL.

• **Research essays**

The course's major writing assignments are research essays on topics related to particular periods of Canadian history, using secondary and (if appropriate/possible) primary sources. Students may choose from a list of potential topics made available to them, or they may select their own subject which must be approved by their tutorial leader.

- **Research essay – due on OWL, 12 November – 25%**

Students will submit a 10-12 page research essay.

- **Research essay – due on OWL, 23 March – 25%**

Students will submit a 12-15 page research essay.

- **Course engagement – 20%**

Students are expected to keep up with the lectures and assigned readings and take part in discussion about them in tutorials. Attendance in tutorials is mandatory, but attendance alone does not constitute participation. Tutorials begin first term during the week of 13 September, and second term during the week of 10 January.

- **Mid-year examination – December exam period – 15%**

The Registrar's Office will post an exam schedule by mid-October. The exam will cover all lectures, tutorials, and required readings from the first term, and will consist of short answer and essay questions.

- **Final examination – April exam period – 15%**

The Registrar's Office will post an exam schedule by February. The exam will cover all lectures, tutorials, and required readings from the second term, and will consist of short answer and essay questions.

The following are course policies related to the written assignments:

- Students are to submit their assignments through the course OWL site. The Faculty of Social Science's policy statement on plagiarism and the use of plagiarism detection software is attached to this syllabus.
- The UWO Academic Handbook requires that an essay course such as His2201E "must be so structured that the student is required to demonstrate competence in essay writing to pass the course." As such, His2201E students must receive a passing grade on the total value of the essays to pass the course.
- No extensions will be granted for late assignments, except for reasons defined by Senate regulations. Pressure of work or computer problems are not acceptable excuses for late essays. One per cent is deducted from the essay grade for every day (including Saturdays and Sundays) that an essay is overdue.

Finally, please note that UWO's Weldon Library has [research resources for History students](#) and a [research guide specifically for History 2201 students](#). The *Origins* and *Destinies* textbooks have extensive bibliographies at the end of each chapter.

Course issues:

If you have an administrative issue, contact Professor Wardhaugh. If you have a course content issue, contact the professor or your tutorial leader. Email should be used for relatively simple, yes/no questions. Students who do not normally use a UWO email account should be aware that external messages may be delayed by UWO's Spamtrap.

Course Schedule and Readings:

TBA

Accommodation for missed assignment deadlines with a Self-Reported Absence:

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

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:

- Academic Offences
- Accessibility Options
- Medical Issues
- Plagiarism
- Scholastic Offences
- Copyright
- Health and Wellness