

HISTORY 2120A
Northern Enterprise: Canadian Business & Labour History
Fall/Winter 2022-23
Wednesday, 1:30-3:30, tba
In-person

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

Course delivery with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic

The intent is for this course to be delivered in-person but should the COVID-19 landscape shift, the course will be delivered on-line synchronously (ie., on Zoom) asynchronously (eg., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. The course will return to an in-person mode of delivery when the University and local health authorities deem it safe to do so.

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(s):

The former History 2213F/G

Course Syllabus:

Businessmen as Heroes and scrooges; Labour activists as: Troublemakers. 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; "Bullet Notes" and Power point slides available on the OWL site *after* the classes. 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 : late Sept. / early October ?
History Suggests? idea piece	[1000 words]	20	Due : November
Final Exam:		35	Registrar sets date

Given the brevity of the writing tasks, extensions will need to meet the formal University criteria. *Students must submit both course thought/idea written assignments in order to pass the course.*

Course Schedule and Readings: tentative

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

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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