

**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Arts and Science Department**

History 112, Section 02  
Canada Since Confederation  
Fall 2004

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Class and Instructor Information**

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Office Hours: Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; or by appointment

Classes will consist of lectures and seminars. The entire class will meet in Fisher 336, Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. for lecture, but will be divided into two groups (A and B) for Friday's seminar groups. Group A will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. on Fridays; Group B will meet from 9:30 p.m. to 10:20 a.m. Seminars will be held in Young 317. Basically, seminars are discussion groups. You will be required to read articles and come to class prepared to discuss those articles.

**Intended Learning Outcomes**

Through reading textbooks and primary source materials, attending faculty lectures, participating in seminars, writing papers, and performing tests, students will:

- i) gain an understanding of critical themes, events, and issues in the construction of Canada since 1867
- ii) explore Native-European relations, relations between French and English Canadians, and between them and other ethnic groups
- iii) examine political challenges and changes
- iv) explore the development of a national consciousness, the legacy of British colonial control, and its transformation
- v) examine Canadian-American relations, Canada's place in the world, and its participation in wars
- vi) evaluate economic, cultural, and social development
- vii) reassess and challenge traditional and existing perspectives on critical events and issues of this period

By the end of the course, through exposure to the above materials and ideas, the student should:

- i) be able to think critically about historical issues and writing by evaluating the arguments put forward by historians, weighing the evidence they present and making judgments about the strength of their arguments
- ii) have gained an appreciation of history as a distinct academic discipline, understanding its unique outlook, scope, and methods, and what distinguishes it from other disciplines

iii) be able to use history to confront the issues of today's world, establishing a context for the present and comprehending the accomplishments, failures, tensions, and issues of the present era  
 iv) have developed skills in research, and written and oral communication

Students are expected to attend all classes, read assigned material, and be prepared to discuss it in class. It is the student's responsibility to ensure assignments are turned in on or before the due date. You will be encouraged to read, to think, and to participate in discussions and lectures. You can expect from me a fair and balanced learning environment, plenty of feedback on written work, and an honest effort to make History 112 an enjoyable and interesting experience.

### **Required Materials**

- i) Alvin Finkel and Margaret Conrad, History of the Canadian Peoples: 1867 to the Present Volume II, Third Edition. Toronto: Addison Wesley Longman, 2002.
- ii) Course Reading Package for History 112.
- iii) University of Victoria, Department of History Style Guide. This is available on-line at <http://www.uvic.ca/history>. Click on the "Links" icon at the top of the page and download or print the style guide from there.

### **Course Assignments and Grading System**

As with most other History courses, all course assignments are compulsory. The workload for History 112 is not onerous, but you will be expected to keep up with textbook readings and readings for your seminars. Each of the course assignments is discussed in more detail below. Here is how they will be weighted:

Research Paper Proposal – 5%  
 Mid-Term Exam – 25%  
 Seminar Participation – 20%  
 Research Paper – 25%  
 Final Exam – 25%

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 95 – 100%	B+ = 80 – 84%	C = 60 – 64%
A = 90 – 94%	B = 75 – 79%	D = 50 – 59%
A- = 85 – 89%	B- = 70 – 74%	F = 0 – 49%
	C+ = 65 – 69%	

### ***Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course***

Learning Support and Services For Students – There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, at the Registrar's Office, or on the College website at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

Academic Conduct Policy – It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of the Academic Conduct Policy. The policy is available in each School Admission Office, Registration, and on the College website in the Policy Section: [www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html](http://www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html)

### **Research Paper Proposal**

This assignment is worth 5% of your final grade and is **due on Wednesday, 20 October**. It must be handed to me in class. If late, it will be penalized at a rate of 10% per day overdue.

Posted on my office door is a list of thirty possible research paper topics. You will sign up for one of these topics (or discuss an alternative topic with me) and write a paper on it. But first, you will submit a paper proposal, in which you will provide some possible lines of enquiry for your paper. Your proposal will also include a preliminary bibliography for your essay.

The proposal should not be longer than 500 words, and you will submit two copies of it (I keep one copy). In a paragraph or two, you will identify the topic that you have decided to research, and you will discuss some of your options. Based on your early investigation, what issues or arguments might your essay address? Are there competing or controversial interpretations of the topic? Have historians' views of the topic changed or evolved over time?

Your proposal will also include references to three secondary sources (books and/or articles) that you will consult in preparing your essay. These three sources will not include the course textbook or any of the articles in the Course Reading Package. In the end, your paper will employ at least five secondary sources. Your proposal therefore reports on a work-in-progress.

The purpose of this assignment is to initiate the preparation of your research paper - to encourage you to commit to a topic, to do some preliminary research, and to present some possible directions that your essay might take. In the end, your research paper may or may not pursue the options presented in your proposal – after all, your own thinking on the topic will evolve as you uncover new sources and arguments. We will discuss this assignment further in class as its due date gets closer.

### **Mid-term Exam**

There will be a two-hour in-class exam on **Wednesday, 27 October**. The exam is worth 25% of your final grade, and it is closed-book. The exam will consist of essay-type questions, which you will receive a couple of weeks before the test. We will discuss the exam in more detail then.

### **Seminar Participation**

You will be assigned to a seminar group, and your group will meet fourteen times over the fall term. Participation marks are worth 20% of your final grade. Marks will be posted on my office door on Saturday, 11 December (after the last class and seminar).

Seminars are a crucial element of this course. The study of History requires an appreciation of differing points of view and varying interpretations of evidence. It also requires the ability to critically analyze another person's theories or arguments. The seminars are where these skills are practiced.

As you're reading each article, it may help to consider certain important points. *What are the main arguments of each article? What types of evidence are used to support these arguments? Do you find the arguments convincing? Are there any important questions left unanswered by the article?* It may also be helpful to consider the author of each selection. *Who does the author represent and to whom is s/he talking? Why does s/he approach the topic in a particular way?*

*Does the author use a specific methodology or theoretical perspective (feminist, socialist, etc.)? When was the article written, and does its timing affect its conclusions?*

**Students who miss more than three seminars will forfeit their entire participation mark.** Your mark will be based upon the frequency of your participation in discussions, and the quality of your contribution. To participate well means demonstrating that you have read the assigned articles carefully; that you have identified the salient points of the articles; and that you are prepared to discuss your ideas in a small-group setting.

**Lively and rewarding seminars require the contribution and participation of all group members.** Keep in mind, though: while spirited debate will be encouraged, any form of disrespect for your classmates will not be tolerated. A strategy that may work for your group is to appoint a “chair” or “leader” in advance of each meeting (make sure that everyone gets two or three chances!). The chair will be responsible for preparing questions for the group to discuss, and will moderate the discussion. The chair will also ensure that every group member has opportunities to contribute to the proceedings. Another option is for each student to bring to the seminar a couple of questions that have arisen from their reading of the articles.

My role in the seminars is mostly as an observer. I will listen in on groups, make notes on students’ participation, and occasionally interject with a comment or question if the discussion needs a boost. Feel free to ask me a question if your group is stuck on something. I encourage you to make the most of these seminars – they’re much more interactive and inclusive than lectures, and the participation grade is a substantial portion of your final mark.

### **Research Paper**

This assignment is worth 25% of your final grade, and is **due on Friday, 26 November**. It must be handed to me in class. If late, it will be penalized at a rate of 5% per day overdue.

You must sign up for an essay topic, or consult with me on a topic of your own choosing. As library resources are limited, a maximum of two people may sign up for each topic.

This research essay will be between 1500-2000 words in length. Your paper must be double-spaced, on one side of the page only, and should have a cover page with a title and your student identification. Bibliographies should be placed on a separate page at the end of the essay. Make a photocopy of your essay for yourself, and keep all of your research notes, rough drafts, and essay outlines – I may ask to see this stuff.

An essay is a short literary composition having an analytical, interpretive, and critical purpose. A good essay is a coherent expression of ideas on a single theme, and it is organized carefully in sentences and paragraphs. Marks will be deducted for poor organization, ungrammatical writing, and for frequent spelling errors. To ensure correct spelling and syntax, do not rely on word-processing spell checkers or grammar checkers.

In developing your arguments, you will necessarily be depending on and sometimes borrowing evidence and ideas from others. When you quote directly the words of another author, you must put those words between quotation marks (“...”) and cite the exact source of the quotation in a footnote or endnote. Try not to use too many direct quotations. Quote another author only when his or her words are essential, in order to convey his or her exact meaning. If you paraphrase another author, or borrow an idea or conclusion, you must also acknowledge your debt in a

footnote or endnote. It is also a good idea to use a footnote if you cite statistics or other evidence that is not common knowledge.

Besides your textbook and any relevant articles in the Course Reading Package, you must consult at least five secondary sources (books and/or articles) in preparing your paper. Legitimate Internet sources are fine, but only in addition to the five books/articles. You cannot avoid the library in this assignment! Between Camosun, UVic, and the Victoria Public Library, you should have no trouble finding sources. Please come and speak with me if you're having any difficulties.

An effective essay is much more than a summary of the evidence and interpretations of other authors. You must write in your own words, and develop your own answer to the question chosen. Your answer may agree with the interpretation of another author; if so, you must still say what evidence persuaded you that their interpretation or conclusion was accurate. A good essay will recognize that different historians may have applied different methods or alternative sources. There may even be multiple answers to the question that you are addressing. If so, a good essay will acknowledge these variations.

Essays must contain footnotes or endnotes. You may **not** use the social science format for citations (i.e. parenthetical references to authors in the text of the essay). The format of footnotes must be consistent. Essays must also include a Bibliography listing all sources used in preparing the essay. For footnote/endnote and bibliographic format, refer to the University of Victoria, History Department Style Guide, which you have, right? (See p. 2 of this course outline)

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PLAGIARISM:** This disclaimer applies to all written work that you will submit in History 112. As stated above, you must give proper credit to borrowed ideas or quotations that you use in your essay. To falsely claim authorship of someone else's ideas or words is called plagiarism. Plagiarism is a type of theft, and in this course it will result, at the very least, in a mark of zero for the assignment. Similar penalties will be applied to any student who buys, borrows, or re-submits a previously-completed History paper. The 'Net has also become a popular tool for dishonest students who want to cut corners on assignments. Keep in mind that Internet sources must appear in papers' Bibliographies as well. I reserve the right to check any assignment with plagiarism detection devices including electronic search engines designed for this purpose. Please consult with me if you are unsure about proper documentation of your sources. See the Camosun College 2004-2005 Calendar (pp. 41-45) for full policies and penalties in regard to plagiarism, cheating, and other unacceptable student conduct.

**LATE POLICIES AND SUBMITTING YOUR ASSIGNMENTS:** Assignment due dates are firm. No extensions will be considered except in cases of documented medical, psychological, or family emergency. If your paper is late because of illness or emergency, the penalty will be waived, but you must submit a note from a health practitioner. No assignment will be accepted after the final class on Friday, 10 December. Please do not hesitate to see me if you're having any problems with the assignments.

### **Final Exam**

There will be a three-hour final exam in December (the final exam period runs from December 13 to December 21). I have no control over when the exam will take place, **so do not book flights home, Christmas holidays, or ski trips until you have your exam schedule!** The exam is worth 25% of your final grade, and it is closed-book. Similar to the mid-term exam, the final exam will consist of essay-type questions, which you will receive a couple of weeks before the test.

**Lecture and Seminar Schedule**

This schedule is subject to minor changes. We may fall behind slightly or find ourselves ahead of schedule at times. We may choose to wander down some uncharted paths. Students are encouraged to ask questions and offer opinions throughout.

Wednesday, 08 September: Intro: Welcome to History 112 / The Consolidation of Confederation  
Friday, 10 September: Seminar: Readings, Introduction in Textbook

*Text: Introduction, Chapter One*

Wednesday, 15 September: Lecture: Resistance in Red River / First Nations Treaties  
Friday, 17 September: Seminar: Readings, Topic One

*Text: Chapters Two and Three*

Wednesday, 22 September: Lecture: The Second Metis Uprising / John A. and Cdn. Society  
Friday, 24 September: Seminar: Readings, Topic Two

*Text: Chapters Four, Five, and Six*

Wednesday, 29 September: Lecture: The National Policy and the CPR / The Laurier Years  
Friday, 01 October: Seminar: Readings, Topic Three

*Text: Chapters Seven and Eight*

Wednesday, 06 October: Lecture: The Yukon / Canada's Immigration Boom  
Friday, 08 October: Seminar: Readings, Topic Four

*Text: Chapter Nine*

Wednesday, 13 October: Lecture: Canada in WW1 / Social Reform in Canada  
Friday, 15 October: Seminar: Readings, Topic Five

*Text: Chapter Ten*

Wednesday, 20 October: Lecture: Labour and the WGS / Agrarian Revolt in Canada  
**\*\*Essay Proposal Due Today In Class – Wednesday, 20 October\*\***  
Friday, 22 October: Seminar: Film: *The Sterilization of Leilani Muir*

Wednesday, 27 October: **\*\*Midterm Exam\*\***

Friday, 29 October: Seminar: Readings, Tina Loo, "Dan Cranmer's Potlatch: Law as Coercion, Symbol, and Rhetoric in British Columbia, 1884-1951," Canadian Historical Review 73, 2, Summer 1992, pp. 125-165. Karen Dubinsky and Franca Iacovetta, "Murder, Womanly Virtue, and Motherhood: The Case of Angelina Napolitano, 1911-1922," Canadian Historical Review 72, 4, Winter 1991, pp. 505-531. **Copies of these two articles can be found in Reserve at the Camosun Library.**

*Text: Chapters Eleven and Twelve*

Wednesday, 03 November: Lecture: Canada and the “Booming” 20s / Ten Lost Years: the 1930s  
 Friday, 05 November: Seminar: Readings, Topic Six

*Text: Chapters Thirteen and Fourteen*

Wednesday, 10 November: Lecture: Protest in the 1930s / Canada in WW2  
 Friday, 12 November: Seminar: Readings, Topic Seven

*Text: Chapters Fifteen and Sixteen*

Wednesday, 17 November: Lecture: Films: *Barbed Wire and Mandolins / Throwaway Citizens*  
 Friday, 19 November: Seminar: Readings, Topic Eight

*Text: Chapters Seventeen and Eighteen*

Wednesday, 24 November: Lecture: Bibles, Ploughs, and the First Nations in Canada / Betrayal  
 Friday, 26 November: Seminar: Readings, Topic Ten

**\*\*Essay Due Today in Class – Friday, 26 November\*\***

*Text: Chapters Nineteen and Twenty*

Wednesday, 01 December: Lecture: Canada’s Baby Boomers / Quebec’s Quiet Revolution  
 Friday, 03 December: Seminar: Readings, Topic Nine

*Text: Chapters Twenty-One and Twenty-Two*

Wednesday, 08 December: Lecture: The 1980s and 1990s in Canada / Where Are We Going?  
 Friday, 10 December: Seminar: Readings, Topic Eleven

### Essay Topics

A maximum of two people may sign up for each topic - the sign-up sheet is posted on my office door.

- i) What were the sources of conflict that led to Metis resistance in 1869 and 1885?
- ii) What were the origins of the women’s suffrage movement?
- iii) Evaluate the role of Clifford Sifton’s immigration policy in settling the Canadian prairies.
- iv) Discuss the federal government’s response to the Depression.
- v) Who was Louis Riel, and how has his “myth” developed through the years?
- vi) Discuss the repercussions of conscription during World War One.
- vii) What are the connections between World War One and the emergence of a Canadian sense of nationhood?
- viii) How did Canadians adjust to the changes brought about by industrialization?
- ix) What was the motivation behind the creation of the welfare state in Canada?
- x) How did the growth of suburban society alter Canadian society?
- xi) Discuss the changing state of the Canadian labour movement from 1910 to 1920.
- xii) Discuss the significance of Canada’s treaties with First Nations.
- xiii) Analyze the rise and fall of the Progressive Party.
- xiv) Why was Mackenzie King Canada’s longest-serving Prime Minister?
- xv) Discuss the contributions of women to Canada’s World War Two effort.

- xvi) What was Social Credit and why did it come to power in Alberta?
- xvii) What was the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and why did it come to power in Saskatchewan?
- xviii) Analyze English-Canadians' attitudes towards immigrants between 1900 and 1940. If it helps, focus on one particular group of immigrants.
- xix) Why were people of Japanese origin evacuated from the West Coast during World War Two?
- xx) Discuss the treatment of "enemy aliens" in Canada during World War One and/or World War Two.
- xxi) Discuss Canada's treatment of First Nations people in the twentieth century.
- xxii) Analyze and assess Pierre Trudeau's performance and record as Prime Minister.
- xxiii) Analyze the rise and fall of the Maritime Rights Movement.
- xxiv) Discuss the rise and fall of the Winnipeg General Strike.
- xxv) Discuss the rise and fall of the On-To-Ottawa Trek.
- xxvi) Explain the genesis, and significance of, the federal Reform/Alliance/Conservative Party.
- xxvii) Explain the genesis, and significance of, the federal Bloc Quebecois Party.
- xxviii) Assess Canada's relationship with the United States from 1950 to 2004.
- xxix) Analyze the rise and fall of the Front de liberation du Quebec (FLQ).
- xxx) What was the significance of the Klondike Gold Rush in the late-nineteenth century?

Can't make up your mind? Don't like any of the above options? Interested in something else? Want to choose your own essay topic? Fine with me, but you must discuss your alternative topic with me first. It may not be suitable.