

COURSES TAUGHT

Description are from the official Lakehead University Academic Calendar when last taught. For “Special Topic” courses I have included the description used on the last course outline.

UNDERGRADUATE

History 1100 - The Making of the Modern World

How did we get here from there? This introductory course explores how historians attempt to explain developments in the modern world during the last six or seven centuries. The precise focus will depend upon the instructor.

History 2312 - Canada to 1885

A broad survey of Canadian history before 1885 exploring political, military, economic, cultural, and social themes. Specific topics to be examined can include Indigenous societies before and after European contact, the fur trade, imperial wars in the eighteenth century, British colonial governance, business and industrial expansion in the nineteenth century, Confederation, and the Red River and North-West Rebellions.

History 2350 - Modern Canada

A broad survey of Canadian history after 1850 exploring social, political, military, economic, and cultural perspectives. Issues examined can include political struggles and development, aboriginal claims and conflicts, immigration, social reform, regionalism, gender, modernization, and multiculturalism. The course content will address such topics as Canada’s involvement in overseas conflicts, the Great Depression, constitutional adjustments, and Canada’s changing place in the world.

History 2510 - The Americas to 1870

(Type E: Indigenous Content)

A comparative survey of the societies and cultures of the Americas from the late fifteenth century to the nineteenth century. Examined are the cultural, economic, and political exchanges and adaptations that took place as Europeans, Africans, and Indigenous Peoples came into contact in regions as far flung as Newfoundland and the southern tip of South America.

History 2715 - History of the Circumpolar North

(cross listed with Northern Studies)

An introduction to the comparative history of the circumpolar north focussing on social, economic, political and environmental issues, such as exploration, Aboriginal land claims, subsistence, political evolution, military strategy, transportation, resource development, and scientific research.

History 2751 - History of Film to 1960

An introduction to the study of film history from cinema's origins in the 1890s to the 1960s. Students will consider the historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts and issues of production, distribution, and exhibition of diverse cinematic movements from different parts of the world.

History 3303 - Ontario History

An examination of the role of one province within Canada, and of the role of Northwestern Ontario and other selected areas in the history of the province.

*A version of this course was also taught at Queen’s University.

History 3311 - The American Impact of Canada

An investigation in an historical context of the relationship between Canada and the United States, emphasizing the economic, social, cultural, and diplomatic aspects of this relationship.

History 3312 - Canadian Labour History

An examination of social, political, and economic issues shaping the development of the Canadian working class from the seventeenth century to the late twentieth century. Students will examine ideological divisions, ethnic relations, and gender roles within the working class and within the labour movement, with special attention given to the history of Northwestern Ontario.

History 3314 - The History of the Canadian North

(cross listed with Northern Studies and also a Type E: Indigenous Content)

Introduces students to the history of Northern Canada. Major themes include evolving cultural, political, socio-economic, and environmental histories, with particular attention paid to Indigenous Peoples and the Canadian North's historical position within the Circumpolar World.

History 3330 - The North American Fur Trade

(cross listed with Indigenous Learning and Northern Studies and also a Type E: Indigenous Content)

A survey of the varied domains of the fur trade in North America and the scholarship that has developed on this topic; study of the social consequences as well as the economic nature of the trade; appreciation of the basic role of the Native people in this trade and assessment of the effect it had on their history.

History 3830 - Public History

Introduces students to the historical practice that is Public History. The theory and methods behind the practice and the particular issues confronted by historians who work in public history settings will be explored. Particular attention will be paid to how versions of the past are created and the institutionalization and dissemination of history in a global perspective.

History 3820 - Historiography

Examines changes over time in the study and the writing of history. Historiography explores the philosophical and practical complexity in thinking about, researching, and writing history within changing historical contexts. Historiography creates an awareness of diverse approaches to the study of history and provides a critical examination of historians' methods.

History 4001 - Women and Labour in Canadian History

A critical examination of selected issues in the history of women and labour in Canadian history. Particular attention will be paid to the contributions of women to trade unionism, the evolution of socialist parties (e.g. Communist Party of Canada and Co-operative Commonwealth Federation), and late twentieth century manifestations of leftist politics.

History 4301 - Issues in Canadian History

A critical examination of selected issues in the history of Canada. Since the issues to be considered will vary from year to year, students should consult with the instructor and/or watch for announcements regarding the particular focus of the course in any given year.

History 4313 - Issues in the History of Northern Ontario

(cross NORT, Type E: Indigenous Content)

A seminar on the history of Northern Ontario examining selected topics in the political, social,

cultural, and economic transformation of the region, with particular attention to the experience of Indigenous Peoples and their historiographical treatment.

History 4352 - History of Canadian Foreign Policy

Explores the development of Canadian foreign policy from the late nineteenth century to the late twentieth century, examining both the domestic and international response to government policy, with particular attention paid to events, key personalities, the political process, and state instruments and institutions.

History 4711 - History and Philosophy of Socialism

A seminar for advanced students that provides for the study of specialized areas of socialist thought throughout history.

History 4750 - Issues in Film History

A seminar for advanced students that provides for the study of limited and more specialized areas of film history. The areas chosen for study vary from year to year.

History 4811 – A Liberal Nation? Canada 1935-1957

An exploration of Canadian political history from the federal election of 1935 to 1957. Seminar discussions will focus on how federal governments envisioned the country and devised and implemented various policies. While the course will primarily focus on national issues, attention will also be paid, when possible, to the implications for Northern Ontario

History 4830 - Community Placement

An opportunity for students to apply what they have learned in the classroom and gain first-hand experience working in a history related career. A combination of community placement hours, career seminar classes, and other relevant assignments are required. Placements are typically selected from a diverse and varied pre-approved list of placement partners and based on specific criteria and through discussion with the placement coordinator and the site supervisor.

Northern Studies 1111 - Introduction to the Circumpolar World

(Type E: Indigenous Content)

The Circumpolar World introduces students to the landscape, peoples and issues of the circumpolar region. Beginning with an examination of the geography, biological and physical systems of the Subarctic and Arctic, the course then turns to the aboriginal and contemporary peoples of the region. The history of the Circumpolar World is treated in a broad fashion, to provide grounding in the events and developments that have created the region's contemporary qualities. The second part of the course surveys particular issues facing the region, including climate change, economic, political and social development.

Northern Studies 1112 - Introduction to the Canadian North

(Type E: Indigenous Content)

Students are introduced to the specific characteristics of the Canadian North including its landscape, peoples, and issues. The course is a multi-disciplinary examination of the interaction between humans and the physical environment in the Canadian arctic and sub-arctic. An understanding of current issues facing Indigenous Peoples in the region and their historic and natural foundations will be emphasized.

Northern Studies 3111 - Land and Environment I

The primary aim of this course is to provide students with a more in-depth understanding of the

lands and environments that defines the Circumpolar North, as well as the key issues involving interaction between humans and environment that were introduced in BCS100: Introduction to The Circumpolar World.

Northern Studies 3211 - Peoples and Cultures I

(Type E: Indigenous Content)

This is the first of two courses that aim to promote an integrated and multidisciplinary understanding of the circumpolar peoples and their adaptations and contributions to social, economic, political and environmental changes. The peoples and cultures of the North Circumpolar region are introduced through interdisciplinary study in the fields of anthropology, sociology, history, media and cultural studies, communications and literature. Students will be introduced to traditional cultures and contemporary peoples through indigenous and Western perspectives. Also included are an introduction to Aboriginal cultures, a discussion of the Western presence in the Circumpolar North, and an examination of contemporary northern peoples.

*A version of this course was also taught at Trent University.

Northern Studies 3212 - Peoples and Cultures II

(Type E: Indigenous Content. A version was also taught at Trent University)

An integrated and multidisciplinary understanding of the circumpolar peoples and their adaptations and contributions to social, economic, political, and environmental changes are introduced. Also included are an introduction to Aboriginal cultures, a discussion of the Western presence in the circumpolar regions, and an examination of contemporary northern peoples. Consideration is given to culture/ethnicity, gender issues, media and journalism, national and regional identity, and international connections and co-operation.

Northern Studies 3311 - Contemporary Issues I

(Type E: Indigenous Content. A version was also taught at Trent University)

Students will be introduced to the important structures and forces affecting the sustainability of circumpolar communities. Students will deal with the population trends in the circumpolar region, natural resource use and the economies of these communities, and economic ownership. This course will provide students with an appreciation of the main challenges confronting the peoples and communities of the world's northern regions. Particular emphasis is on Indigenous Peoples and, as such, it will be beneficial to students attempting to better understand the current questions facing the north as well as to those planning to pursue advanced studies about the region.

Northern Studies 3312 - Contemporary Issues II

(Type E: Indigenous Content)

Students will deal with questions relating to governance and politics in the North, social issues, education and knowledge systems, and global issues. Particular emphasis is placed on current issues and questions facing Indigenous Peoples in the north.

Northern Studies 4111 - Canada and the Circumpolar World

This senior seminar examines selected topics in Northern Studies at an advanced level involving the Canadian North.

Northern Studies 4311 - Advanced Seminar in Northern Studies

The Advanced Seminar in Northern Studies is a capstone course for the Interdisciplinary HBA and HBSoc programs in Northern Studies at Lakehead University. Each year, students will research a particular issue in Northern Studies and present the findings of their research in the

seminar. Seminars have focused on: Resource Development in the North; History of Alaska; and Climate Change and the Canadian North

GRADUATE COURSES – MASTERS LEVEL

History 5301 - Topics in Canadian History - Approaches to Canadian History (also taught as History 5731/33)

Examines selected topics in the history of Canada. Students will carry out an intensive research project using available primary materials in order to develop their research and analytical skills.

History 5320 - Topics in Northern Ontario History

Examines the development of the several regions of Northern Ontario, with a special focus on the history of Thunder Bay and its environs. Both the regions and city are placed in their provincial, national, and international context. Emphasizes research on a variety of primary sources.

History 5731 - Twentieth-Century Canadian Socialism

Twentieth-Century Canadian Socialism examines the history of socialism in the twentieth century and how it manifested in different regions of the country. Building upon Ian McKay's analysis, the course will explore the following political and cultural frameworks: evolutionary, revolutionary, state formationist, liberationist, and socialist feminist.

History 5701 - Comparative Colonial North American Societies

Comparative Colonial North America examines selected topics on the subject and discusses what you to be thought of a "colonial American history," or "pre-Confederation Canada," or, more recently, "colonial British North American history," as what now has become what many call "early modern Atlantic history."

History 5731 – A Liberal Nation? Canada 1935-1957

An exploration of Canadian political history from the federal election of 1935 to 1957. Seminar discussions will focus on how federal governments envisioned the country and devised and implemented various policies. While the course will primarily focus on national issues, attention will also be paid, when possible, to the implications for Northern Ontario

History 5731/33 - Approaches to Ontario History

Approaches to Ontario History will be presented on a chronological basis and is designed to expose students to select problems and issues surrounding the history of the region. Ontario is a complex, resource rich, and, aside from the "golden horseshoe," relatively sparsely populated area of Canada that has for centuries been a "contact zone" of peoples and cultures. This course will explore selected social, economic, political, and cultural issues that have arisen in the last three centuries and shaped its environment and people.

History 5731/33 - Canadian Political and Labour History

Northern Canada since 1870 is a reading course intended to provide graduate students with both foundational and advanced knowledge of the theories, methods, and history of northern Canada after 1870. The major schools of thinking will be discussed along with the most important issues, debates, and innovations in how the subject has been approached. The end goal of the course is for students to think about their own conception of the subject in terms of theory and practice.

History 5731/33 - Canadian Political and Labour History

Canadian Politics and Labour examines selected topics in the history of Canadian labour history and its relationship to larger political movements. The topics are organized chronologically and thematically, with an effort made to highlight the significance of social transformations over time.

History 5733 – Material Culture and Historical Research

A practical and theoretical course working with historical objects and material culture. Students will consider the range of ways in which historians have made use of material culture and, through practical experiences in the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society, learn how to handle historical objects properly and the deceptively complicated task of describing them, writing exhibit text, and learning how to 'read' objects. Assessment will be based on the process, completeness, and quality that when the museum is ready to execute and fabricate the exhibit little to no additional design, research, writing, or development work is required

History 5701 - Victorian Society and Culture in Canada

Culture and Society in Victorian Canada examines the main trends, theories, ideas and interpretations in the writing of Canadian history about the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The topics are organized chronologically and thematically, with an effort made to highlight the significance of social transformations over time.

History 5701 - Gender, Class, and Ethnicity in Canadian History

An examination of selected topics on the subject and discusses their relevance to contemporary issues. The topics are organized thematically, with an effort made to highlight the significance of social transformations over time.

Northern Environments and Cultures 5711 - Concepts in Ethnohistory

(co-taught with Dr. Scott Hamilton, Department of Anthropology)

A multidisciplinary examination of past and current scholarship inspired by anthropological and historical approaches to the human conditions.

GRADUATE COURSES – DOCTORAL LEVEL

Natural Resources Management 6610 - Forests, Communities, and History

A multi-disciplinary analysis of the human relationship to forests throughout the world. Inherently comparative, it seeks to identify key differences and similarities in the relationships between forests and peoples in different regions and locales on different parts of the globe. Each week we will meet to discuss readings which investigate topics ranging from pre-contact Indigenous resource management to current environmental conflicts, devoting particular attention to the ecological impacts of settlement and resource capitalism, modes of production, social relations, and the role of the state.

Natural Resources Management 6610 - Resource Development in the Canadian North

Provides graduate students with both foundational and advanced knowledge of the theories, methods, and history of resource development in the Canadian North. The major schools of thinking will be discussed along with the most important issues, debates, and innovations in how the subject has been approached. The end goal of the course is for students to think about their own conception of the subject in terms of theory and practice.

Approaches to North American History (University of Helsinki)

Examines the main trends, theories, ideas and interpretations in the writing of Canadian and American history from 1900 to present. The topics are organized chronologically and thematically, with an effort made to highlight the significance of social transformations over time. Ultimately, students should gain a better understanding of how Canada's history has been written.

Approaches to North American Labour History (University of Helsinki)

Examines the history of labour and socialism in the twentieth century and how it manifested in different regions of Canada and the United States. The course will explore the following political and cultural frameworks: evolutionary, anarcho-syndicalism, revolutionary, state formationist, liberationist, and socialist feminist. Particular attention this year will be paid to the role of Finnish immigrants.