

**HISTORY 2120A [001]**  
**Northern Enterprise: Canadian Business & Labour History**  
**Summer 2022**  
**July 4 - 22**  
**Mon - Thurs**  
**10:30AM - 12:30PM; location tba**  
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**This draft syllabus presumes an “in person” course.**

**Course Description:**

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

***Antirequisite:***

The former History 2213F/G

**Course Syllabus:**

Businessmen as Aheroes and scrooges@; Labour activists as: Atroublemakers.@ 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; Power point slides in PDF form will be available (after the class) on the OWL site. There are other course elements [e.g. Forum] in OWL related to participation.

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Assigned Forum Participation online:		20 %	
Online Ongoing Discussion		10	
Thoughts on early coverage	[750 words]	15	Due : tba
History Suggests? idea piece	[1000 words]	20	Due : tba

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

**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 is 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.

**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

***Use of Electronic Devices***

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Student Accessibility Services at 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

**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

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact, Heidi Van Galen, Administrative Officer, Department of History, 519-661-2111 x84963 or e-mail [vangalen@uwo.ca](mailto:vangalen@uwo.ca).

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