

# **History 2174B Hockey Overtime Winter 2026**

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## **Course Description**

This course examines the history of hockey in Canada from its origins to the present day. While the course studies hockey, it does so through more than a sporting lens. It examines the importance and development of sport as a source of leisure and physical exercise, a means of social control, indoctrination, and citizenship, and as an expression of community, provincial, regional, and national identity. By examining the story of hockey in Canada over time, it analyzes such issues as the origins and development of the sport, its importance in a northern, wintery climate, the rise of professionalism, and the role of gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, region, and the powerful association with nationalism and national identity.

## **Learning Objectives**

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

- Identify key themes and developments in the history of hockey in Canada,
- Relate contemporary issues in Canadian hockey to their historical developments,
- Analyze the impact of gender, race/ethnicity, class, and sexuality on hockey in Canada,
- Understand and explain hockey's role in Canadian nationalism and on Canadian culture
- Articulate, evaluate, and defend historical arguments and interpretations of hockey in Canada

## **Methods of Evaluation**

Mid-term= 40%

Final Exam= 60%

There are two examinations in this course. The exams are designed to be answered in essay format. Students must complete both examinations in order to pass the course.

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Make-up tests, midterms, and exams can only be approved by Academic Advising. Please see [https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program\\_module\\_information/policies.html](https://history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_module_information/policies.html) for department procedures and requirements involving make-up tests and exams.

### **Course Materials**

No materials or textbooks are required for this course.

### **Course Schedule and Readings**

Week #1: New land, New climate, New sport: The Origins of Hockey

Week #2: Manly Men: Empire, Industrialization, and Hockey, 1890-1914

Week#3: Hockey and War: 1914 to 1945

Week#4: Playing in the Big League: The Development of a Professional Sport, 1920-1950

Week#5: The Habitants and the Maple Leafs: Hockey and National Unity

Week#6: Smalltowns, Cities, and Provinces: Hockey Culture and Canadian Regionalism

Week#7: The Game goes Global: The Cold War and the Summit Series of 1972

Week#8: Amateurs and Professionals: The Olympics and Hockey in Canada

Week#9: A New NHL, a New Hockey

Week#10: The Junior Leagues

Week#11: Canada's Game: Hockey and Nationalism

Week#12: Tarnishing a Brand: Toxic Masculinity, Gender, and Sexuality

Week#13: Reflecting on the Meaning of Hockey for Canada

### **Additional Statements**

Students may attend office hours but are also encouraged to drop in at their convenience. If students are unable to attend office hours and wish a set time to meet, this can be arranged. I prefer in-person meetings to email and will keep electronic conversations to a minimum.

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