

HIST 103: Canada Through Biography

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Note on email communication: You can generally expect a reply from me within 24 hours for emails sent during weekday business hours. Emails sent after weekday business hours or on weekends will receive a response as soon as possible.

Course Description

Welcome to HIST 103: Canada Through Biography! Through lectures and film, this course examines the lives of Canadian men and women who have played formative roles in developing the Canadian nation. Examples will be drawn from such areas as politics, religion, business and labour, social reform, arts and entertainment, and sports. It introduces students to Canadian history and the study of historiography through primary sources, secondary sources, film, and independent research.

Learning Outcomes

1. Attain and retain broad knowledge of Canadian history from the sixteenth century to the end of the twentieth century through the study of historical figures (content)
2. Synthesize major themes in Canadian history through the study of biographies (content)
3. Engage in scholarly discussion regarding the history and historiography of Canada (content & skills)
4. Develop skills in the study and analysis of primary documents, including visual sources (skills)
5. Develop skills of assessment, interpretation, and argumentation in relation to Canadian history (skills applied to content)

Materials and Resources

Textbook

There is no required textbook for the course.

Course Reserves

Course Reserves can be accessed using the **Library Resources** widget on the **Course Home** page.

Resources

[Library COVID-19: Updates on library services and operations.](#)

Grade Breakdown

Activities and Assignments	Weight (%)
Participation	25%
Precis	20%
Biography Paper	25%
Take home exam	30%

Announcements

Your professor uses the **Announcements** widget on the Course Home page during the term to communicate new or changing information regarding due dates, instructor absence, etc., as needed. You are expected to read the announcements on a regular basis.

To ensure you are viewing the complete list of announcements, you may need to click <Show All Announcements>.

Discussions

*Your professor has enabled an **Ask the Instructor** discussion forum. Use the Ask the Instructor Forum when you have a question that may benefit the whole class. Also, check this forum to see if your question has already been answered before reaching out to your instructor.*

Discussions can be accessed from the Course Home page by clicking <Connect> and then <Discussions> on the course navigation bar.

Contact Us

Who and Why	Contact Details
<p>Professor Wiseman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course-related questions (e.g., course content, deadlines, assignments, etc.)• Questions of a personal nature	<p>Post your course-related questions to the Ask the Instructor discussion topic.* This allows other students to benefit from your question as well.</p> <p>Questions of a personal nature can be directed to your instructor.</p> <p>*Discussion topics can be accessed by clicking <Connect> and then <Discussions> on the course navigation bar above.</p>
<p>Technical Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical problems with Waterloo LEARN	<p>learnhelp@uwaterloo.ca</p> <p>Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number.</p> <p>Technical support is available during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Eastern Time).</p> <p>LEARN Help Student Documentation</p>
<p>Student Resources</p>	<p>Student Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic advice• Student success• WatCards• Library services and more

Course and University Policies

Course Policies

Paper Submission

All papers must be submitted on the **due date by 11:55 pm** or when the assignment drop box is scheduled to close.

Late Penalties

All requests for extensions should normally be made at least one week in advance of the due date. Extensions may require supporting evidence to be considered (e.g. a doctor's note). All extensions are at the professor's discretion. Material submitted after the due date will be penalized **5% per day**, including weekends, which are counted as separate days (typically two).

University Policies

Academic integrity: In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. [Check the [Office of Academic Integrity](#) for more information.]

Grievance: A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70, Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4](#). When in doubt, please be certain to contact the department's administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. [Check the [Office of Academic Integrity](#) for more information.] A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about "rules" for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate associate dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71, Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties, check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](#).

Appeals: A student may appeal the finding and/or penalty in a decision made under the St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Discipline or University of Waterloo Policy 70 (Student Petitions and Grievances) if a ground for an appeal can be established. In such a case, read [St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Appeals](#).

Note for students with disabilities: [AccessAbility Services](#), located in Needles Hall, Room 1401, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term.

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Coronavirus Information

[Coronavirus Information for Students](#)

This resource provides updated information on COVID-19 and guidance for accommodations due to COVID-19.

Mental Health Support

All of us need a support system. We encourage you to seek out mental health supports when they are needed. Please reach out to [Campus Wellness and Counselling Services](#).

We understand that these circumstances can be troubling, and you may need to speak with someone for emotional support. [Good2Talk](#) is a post-secondary student helpline based in Ontario, Canada that is available to all students.

Territorial Acknowledgement

“We acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The University of Waterloo is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River.”

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