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HI2370 – THE HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN NORTH 3(3-0-0) UT
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Description:

Although “northernness” has always been important to the way Canadians think of themselves, the history of the Canadian North is a ‘young’ member of the school of Canadian History. This course will concentrate on the history of the western portion of our North, from Hudson Bay to the Pacific, and from the 55th parallel to the Arctic. This university transfer credit (3) course is designed to provide a general view of 2 major stages of human and economic development in the Canadian North; a) the high profile territorial north or “North of 60” b) the ‘forgotten’ provincial norths between 55 and 60, with emphasis on a more detailed view of the historical experience of Northern Alberta. Community members as individuals or as administrators/managers in our northern region, along with teachers and undergraduates in a wide variety of disciplines, will find this course of value personally and professionally.

Part A: History of the Canadian Northwest

1. The Northwest 1867: Rocks, Trees and Humans
2. From Rupert's Land to North-West Territories: a) Fur Trade Contact: the ‘heroic’ period?; b) Extending the Ecumene (Policeman & Priests); c) Taking Inventory: Land Survey & Geological Survey
3. The Creation of a Northern Image: Gaining the Arctic
4. Creation of Provincial Agricultural North in the Prairie Provinces and BC
5. Developing Industrial Resource Economies in the Northwest: Between the Wars
6. The Modern Northwest

Part B: Peace River Country History

1. Natural and Pre-History and Native Culture to 1900
2. The Fur Trade
3. Exploration and Surrendering the Land
4. Euro-Canadian Settlement and Institutions to 1914
5. Economic Development and Social and Political Issues to 1940
6. Post 1940 Expansion and the Peace River Country today

Texts:

The Forgotten North
The True North

Coates & Morrison 1992
Morrison 1998

Evaluation:

1 Book/Article Review	15%
Mid-Term Exam	30%
2 Presentations	20%
Final Exam	30%
Attendance/Participation	5%