



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2015

HI 4550 (A2)/HIST455 (AU) TOPICS IN THE HISTORY OF CANADIAN EXTERNAL RELATIONS - 3 (3-0-0) 45 Hours

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon. 10-11:20; Tues. 11:30-1:00; Thurs. 11:30-1:00; Fri. 11:30-1:00

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: None

Reading materials or links thereto will be made available as necessary on Moodle.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

In general, this course examines Canada's diplomatic, political and cultural interrelationship with its two great mentors - Great Britain and the United States. More specifically, discussions will focus on the development of Canadian foreign policy (from Laurier to Mulroney) with particular emphasis on Canada's middle power role in global affairs during the Cold War period. Notes: Some background in Canadian history is recommended.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 credits / 3 hours per week

DELIVERY MODE: The course work includes lectures, discussions, research, and writing assignments, as well as tests and a final exam.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course intends to provide students with

- An overview of the concepts of diplomacy and Canada's policies and place in the world.

- Opportunities to refine their skills in collecting, interpreting, and presenting information in a concise written format and in discussion.
- Experience in constructing historical narrative from primary sources.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Students will be able to describe trends in Canadian foreign relations over the past 150 years and explain the reasons for the policies in historical context.
- Students will be able to discuss Canada's significant foreign relationships and how these have shifted since Confederation.
- Students will be able to investigate topics in the history of Canadian foreign relations and construct a written work which interprets the resulting research.

TRANSFERABILITY:

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

This course has university transferability to the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge, Athabasca University, Augustana Faculty of the University of Alberta, Concordia University College of Alberta, King's University College, and MacEwan University. For complete information consult the Alberta Transfer Guide (www.transferalberta.ca).

GRADING CRITERIA:

Grades will be assigned on the Letter Grading System.

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GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A ⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A ⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B ⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B ⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C ⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C ⁻	1.7	60 – 62	
D ⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

Class Participation	10%
Briefing Memoranda Writing Assignments (Average of best 6)	15%
Writing Assignment #1 (Documents on External Relations)	10%
Writing Assignment #2 (Essay)	25%
Tests (2 worth 5% each)	10%
Final Exam	30%
Course Total	100%

All assignments must follow the requirements laid out in the course assignment file. Topics must be approved by the instructor unless specified otherwise in the course assignment file.

All assignments must be original work for this course. Work previously submitted for other courses will not be accepted in this course. Students found to have submitted previous work will receive a 0% for the assignment.

All assignments must be word-processed. It is particularly important to save a copy of any written work handed in for credit or grading.

All assignments will be submitted electronically via Moodle. This procedure will be demonstrated in class.

All assignments are to be submitted before midnight on the due date. There will be a twelve hour grace period following the deadline during which no penalty will be applied. Work submitted within forty-eight hours of the deadline will be penalized 15%. Work submitted after forty-eight hours of the deadline will not be accepted for grading and students will receive a 0% for the assignment. Extensions beyond forty-eight hours will only be considered when students contact the instructor prior to the deadline and present evidence of extenuating circumstances.

Students will be assessed on their research, synthesis and writing in the course assignments. The presentation of information in terms of organization and writing will be given equal weight in grading to the research and analysis.

Two tests will be scheduled during the semester and there will be a final exam written during the exam period in December.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Students are expected to commit the required time to complete this course. Requests to reschedule assignments or exams are extraordinary and will only be granted under such circumstances.
- Students who are unable to write the midterm on the scheduled date should advise the instructor as soon as possible either by e-mail or office telephone. Makeup midterms will only be granted under extenuating circumstances.
- Submitting assigned work on the dates set by the instructor.
- Regular attendance is important to success in HI4550. The lectures contain important information and interpretations for exams and instructions for assignments.
- Participation in course discussions is important and 10% of your final grade is based on your

contributions to these classroom discussions.

- The college policy on student rights and responsibilities is available here

https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.pdf

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Incidences of academic dishonesty will result in penalties commensurate with the severity of the offence. Please refer to the college policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

September 8: INTRODUCTION TO DIPLOMATIC HISTORY

September 15: FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE NEW DOMINION

September 22: PROFESSIONALIZATION AND IMPERIALISM

September 29: THE FIRST WORLD WAR AND VERSAILLES

October 6: SHIRKING AND SHILLING – THE INTERWAR YEARS

October 13: THE GRAND ALLIANCE

October 19 – Writing Assignment #1 - Documents on Canadian External Relations Due

October 20: CANADA IN THE POST-WAR WORLD AND **TEST**

October 27: NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE HEIGHT OF THE COLD WAR

October 28 is the last day to withdraw

November 3: ECONOMIC DOLDRUMS AND NEW APPROACHES

November 10: CONTINENTALISM OR INTERNATIONALISM IN THE 1980S

November 17: THE POST-COLD WAR AND AXWORTHY YEARS AND **TEST**

November 24: TERRORISM AND SECURITY

November 30 – Writing Assignment #2 - Essay Due

December 1: STEPHEN HARPER'S FOREIGN POLICY

December 8: EXAM REVIEW

A FINAL EXAM WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THE EXAM PERIOD - HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!