

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Number: GPRC - History (HI) 4550
University of Alberta - HI 477

Course Title: Topics In the History of Canadian External Relations

Academic Level: Senior

Number of Credits: 3

Applicable Programs: Bachelor of Arts
History Major

Student Numbers: Up to 20

Instructor Information:

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Class Schedule: Fall Semester (Sept.- Dec., 1994)
Monday - 18:30 - 21:30

Calendar Description: In general, this course examines Canada's diplomatic, political and cultural inter - relationship 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.

Students should have some background in Canadian history before they enroll in this course.

Course Material:

Texts: (Available at GPRC Bookstore)

J.L. Granatstein and Norman Hillmer, For Better OR Worse:
Canada and the United States to the 1990's.

J.L. Granatstein, Canadian Foreign Policy: Historical Readings

In addition there will be required reading on a weekly basis made available on reserve at GPRC Library.

Supplementary Materials: All supplementary materials are provided through GPRC Library and Media Services. GPRC is a member of Noralink.

Student Evaluation: Book Review (1500 - 2000 words)	20%	
Essay (3000 - 3500 words)	40%	
Class discussion	20%	
Examination		20%
	100%	

Instructional Design:

History 4550 is predominantly a seminar course. The first assignment requires the student to write a book review from a list of appropriate works. Students are also expected to make a substantive contribution to class discussion and write a major essay in their area of interest. Finally, there is an examination designed to evoke thematic/historiographical essay answers.

Curriculum:

Week One: Introduction/Confederation: British Attitude, American Influence.

Week Two: The Diplomacy of the New Dominion, 1867 - 1890

Readings: J.L. Granatstein and Norman Hillmer, For Better Or For Worse: Canada and the United States to the 1990's (Copp Clark Pitman Ltd., Toronto) Introduction and Chapter One pp. 1 - 28.

Week Three: Laurier in the Age of Imperialism, 1896 - 1911

Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 28 - 59.

James Eayrs, "The Origins of Canada's Department of External Affairs" in Historical Readings pp. 81 - 101.

Week Four: Borden and World War I

Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 28 - 59.

Philip Wigley, "Canada and the Transition to Commonwealth 1917 - 26" in Historical Readings pp. 102 - 117

Robert Bothwell, "Borden and the Bolsheviks" (LRC

Reserve)

Week Five: Canada and Great Britain, 1919 - 1926

Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 71 - 95

Week Six: Canadian Foreign Policy in the 1930's

Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 95 - 131.

Escott Reid, "Canada and the Threat of War" in Historical Readings pp. 118 - 124.

J.L. Granatstein and Robert Bothwell, "Canadian Foreign Policy, 1935 - 1939" in Historical Readings pp. 125 - 144.
J. Eayrs, A Low Dishonest Decade. (LRC Reserve)

Week Seven: King and World War II

Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 134 - 162

Robert Bothwell and John English, "Canadian Trade Policy, 1943 - 47" in Historical Readings pp. 145 - 157.

Week Eight: Canada, the United Nations and the Western Alliance

Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 163 - 191.

Louis St. Laurent, "Principles of Canadian Policy" in Historical Readings pp. 25 - 33.

Escott Reid, "Creation of the North Atlantic Alliance, 1948 - 49" in Historical Readings pp. 158 - 182.

Week Nine: Canada, the United States and the Cold War, 1945 - 53.

Readings: R.D Cuff and J.L. Granatstein, "Corporal Pearson, General Acheon and the Cold War" (LRC Reserve)

R.D. Cuff and J.L. Granatstein, "Looking Back at the Cold War" (LRC Reserve)

David J. Bercuson, "A People so Ruthless as the Soviets: Canadian Images of the Cold war and the Soviet Union, 1946 - 1950" (LRC Reserve)

Week Ten: Canadian Perceptions of the Soviet Threat: the Cold War on the Domestic Front

Readings: Robert Bothwell and John English, "Public Opinion, Canadian Political Parties, National Security and the Soviet Union" (LRC Reserve)

J. Petryshyn, "The Ethnic Question in Canadian - Soviet Relations: The Case of the Ukrainian - Canadians" (LRC Reserve)

Alvin Finkel, "Canadian Immigration Policy and the Cold War 1945 - 1980" (LRC Reserve)

William Kaplan, "John Watkins and Cold War Russia" (LRC Reserve)

Week Eleven: "Going Nuclear" in the Diefenbaker and Pearson Decade

- Readings: For Better Or Worse... pp. 193 - 240
Diefenbaker on Nuclear Weapons H of Commons Debates
25 Jan 1963 (LRC Reserve)
- Pearson flipflop Globe and Mail Jan 14, 1963 (LRC Reserve)
- John Hilliker, "The Politicians and Personalities: Diefenbaker Gov't and the Conduct of Can. External Relations" in Historical Readings pp. 183 - 197.
- Jocelyn Maynard Ghent, "Canada, the United States and the Cuban Missile Crisis" (LRC Reserve)

Week Twelve: "Quiet Diplomacy" or "Quiet Complicity?" Canada and the War in Indo China.

- Readings: John Holmes, "Canada and the Vietnam War" in Historical Readings pp. 198 - 208.
- James Steel, "Canada's Vietnam Policy: The Diplomacy of Escalation" (LRC Reserve)
- Victor Levant, "Quiet Diplomacy: Canadian Involvement in the Vietnam War" (LRC Reserve)

Week Thirteen: From New Directions to Supporting Uncle Sam: Foreign Policy under Trudeau and Mulroney

- Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 241 - 313.
- Harold von Riekhoff, "The Impact of PM Trudeau on Foreign Policy" in Historical Readings pp. 249 - 261.
- The Mulroney Government Policy 1985 in Historical Readings pp. 66 - 77.

Week Fourteen: Canada the Peacemaker: Drawing Conclusions.

Readings: For Better or Worse... pp. 315 - 318.

J.L. Granatstein, "Canada and Peace Keeping: Image and Reality" in Historical Readings pp. 232 - 240.

Final Exam: To Be Marked by G.P.R.C. Instructor