CAN 101
Introduction to Canadian Studies

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(Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 – 4:45 / 120 Little Hall)

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Course Description:
This course provides a multidisciplinary introduction to Canadian history and contemporary issues. Faculty members from across the University of Maine and from other institutions will lecture on Canadian geography, history, anthropology and archeology, politics, economics, literature, culture, and art. The objective of the course is to expand student’s knowledge of Canada, highlighting the different historical trajectories, which have resulted in the development of different cultures, economies, political systems, international relations, and ways of understanding the world. This course includes a trip to Ottawa, Canada’s capital, as a way to enhance first-hand experiences in the classroom, and although it is not mandatory, it is encouraged since it brings together the class content with the exposure to popular culture, history, politics, geography, climate, architecture, language, and Canada’s Mosaic.

Course Objectives:
By the end of the semester I expect student to:
• Identify and discuss Canada’s main political, economic, social, and cultural features that have shaped its past and current realities.
• Compare and contrast the political, economic, social, and cultural trends that have shaped its relationships with Britain, Europe, the United States and the global system.
• Understand how the world sees Canada and how Canada sees the world.
• Understand the dynamics and unique characteristics of a nation state that has evolved from the clash of interests between Anglophone and Francophone cultures.
• Compare and contrast the differences between the Canadian Cultural Mosaic and the American Melting Pot.

Course Field Trip:
The Canadian Studies field trip will be held on **October 24-26**. We will be visiting Ottawa, Ontario, the national capital of Canada. Although this is not a mandatory trip, the benefits of participating in this activity are considerable. You will gain first-hand, immersive experience in the country we are studying, and the opportunity to contextualize and augment course content relating to Canadian geography, history, culture, economics, and culture. The field trip is planned with the intention of making it affordable to students. The Canadian-American Center therefore subsidizes all transportation and accommodation costs as well as entry fees to museums and historic sites. Students will only be responsible for costs associated with meals.

**Textbook & Readings:**
- Other external readings will be posted on Blackboard and available on the Fogler Library’s e-reserve pages for this course.

**Course Evaluation:**
- Short Reactions (6) 30%
- Current Events (6) 30%
- Mid Term Exam 15%
- Final Exam 15%
- Attendance & Participation 10%

**Academic Honesty:**
Academic honesty is very important. It is dishonest to cheat on exams, to copy assignments, to submit papers written by another person, to fake experimental results, or to copy or reword parts of books or articles into your own paper without appropriately citing the source. Students committing or aiding in any of these violations may be given failing grades for an assignment or for an entire course, at the instructor’s discretion. In addition to any academic action that an instructor may take, these violations are also subject to action under the University of Maine’s
Student Conduct Code. The maximum possible sanction for academic dishonesty under this code is dismissal from the university.

**Students with Disabilities:**
If you have a disability for which you would like to request an accommodation, please contact Ann Smith, the Director of Disability Support Services, at ann.smith@umit.maine.edu or 581-2319 as early as possible in the term. More information about accommodations for disabilities may be found at the website: http://umaine.edu/disability/

**Course Schedule:**

**Section I – First settlers and the landscape**

Sept. 2  Course introduction and review of syllabus  
- Assignment: Michael J. Broadway, “Canada: Too Much Geography?”, in *Canadian Studies in the New Millennium* (pp. 8-37)

Sept. 4  The physical geography of Canada  
**Guest lecturer: Dr. Stephen Hornsby (Director of the Canadian-American Center and Professor of Geography and Canadian Studies)**  
- Assignment: Cole Harris, “Regionalism and the Canadian Archipelago” (e-reserve).

Sept. 9  The cultural geography of Canada  
**Guest lecturer: Dr. Stephen Hornsby (Director of the Canadian-American Center and Professor of Geography and Canadian Studies)**  
- Assignment: Short Reaction No. 1  
- Assignment: Graeme Wynn, “First Peoples/Faunal Extinctions” and “Northern North America a Thousand Years Ago” (e-reserve).

Sept. 11  Archeology and the first inhabitants  
**Guest lecturer: Dr. Brian Robinson (Department of Anthropology)**  
*Short Reaction No. 1 due*  
- Assignment: Current Event No. 1

Sept. 16  Film: “Whose land is this?”  
*Current Event No. 1 due*

Sept. 18  Film: “Is the Crown at War with Us?” (NFB, 2002)  
- Assignment: Short Reaction No. 2  

Sept. 23  The native peoples of Canada  
**Guest lecturer: gkisedtanamoogk (Adjunct Instructor with the Native American Studies Program)**
*Short Reaction No. 2 due (based on the two films)

Sept. 25  Field Trip to the Hudson Museum (Collins Center for the Arts)
  -Assignment: Richard White, “The Middle Ground” (e-reserve)
  -Assignment: Current Event No. 2
  -Assignment: Richard White, “Fur Trade,” in *The Middle Ground*

**Section II – Colonial experience and the construction of the nation state**

Sept. 30  The Fur Trade in early Canadian History
  **Guest lecturer: Dr. Jacques Ferland (Department of History)**
  *Current Event No. 2 due*
  -Assignment: Short Reaction No. 3

Oct. 2  The Making of British North America
  **Guest lecturer: Dr. Scott W. See (Department of History)**
  *Short Reaction No. 3 due*
  -Assignment: Current Event No. 3

Oct. 7  Why Should we Care About 18th Century Nova Scotia? Comparing Acadians, Planters, and Loyalists
  **Guest lecturer: Dr. Liam Riordan (Department of History)**
  *Current Event No. 3 due*
  -Assignment: Reading TBA

Oct. 9  Immigration
  **Guest lecturer: Susan Pinnet (Franco American Studies Program)**

Oct. 14  Fall Break

Oct. 16  **Mid Term Exam**

Oct. 21  Canada after Confederation
  **Lecturer: Dr. Stefano Tijerina (Department of History / Political Science Department)**
  -Assignment: Reading TBA
Oct. 23  Canada National Identities  
**Lecturer:** Ian Jesse (Ph.D. student, Department of History)  
- Assignment: Monroe Eagles and Sharon A. Manna, “Politics and Government,” in *Canadian Studies for the New Millennium* (pp. 66-103)  
*Ottawa trip weekend (Oct. 24-26)*

**Section III - Politics, the Economy and Current Realities**

Oct. 28  Some realities in Canadian politics  
**Guest lecturer:** Dr. Howard Cody (Department of Political Science)  
- Assignment: Short Reaction No. 4  
- Assignment: Douglas Nord and Heather Smith, “Canadian Foreign Policy,” in *Canadian Studies in the New Millennium* (pp. 284-303)

Oct. 30  Canadian-American relations  
**Guest lecturer:** Dr. Howard Cody (Department of Political Science)  
*Short Reaction No. 4 due*  
- Assignment: Current Event No. 4  
- Assignment: Brian J.R. Stevenson, “Canadian Foreign Policy Toward Latin America: Government Initiatives and Responses” (e-reserve)

Nov. 4  Canada and the Americas  
**Lecturer:** Dr. Stefano Tijerina (Department of History / Political Science Department)  
*Current Event No. 4 due*  
- Assignment: Short Reaction No. 5  
- Assignment: Mark Kassoff & Christine Drennen, “The Economy,” in *Canadian Studies in the New Millennium* (pp. 223-244)

Nov. 6  Lumber and Trade  
**Guest lecturer:** Chris Nichols (Vice President, Seven Islands Land Company)  
*Short Reaction No. 5 due*  
- Assignment: Current Event No. 5  
- Assignment: Reading TBA

Nov. 11  Health Policy  
**Guest lecturer:** Dr. Andrew Sherwood (Eastern Maine Medical Center)  
*Current Event No. 5 due*  
- Assignment: Reading TBA

Nov. 13  Canadian Economy: The maple syrup cartel.  
**Guest lecturer:** George Criner (School of Economics)
- Assignment: watch film “Inuit Knowledge and Climate Change” (ISUMA 2010)
- Assignment: Harvey Feit, “Hunting and the Quest for Power: The James Bay Cree and Whitemen in the 20th Century,” available at: http://articcircle.uconn.edu/HistoryCulture/Cree/Feit1/index.html (please read all three (3) parts)

Nov. 18 The people of northern Canada
Guest lecturer: Betsy Arntzen (Education Outreach Coordinator, Canadian-American Center)
- Assignment: Reading TBA

Nov. 20 Regional Trade
Guest lecturer: Jeff Bennett (Canada Desk Director, Maine International Trade Center)
- Assignment: Short Reaction No. 6
- Assignment: Reading TBA

Section IV – Culture

Nov. 25 Anglo Canadian Literature
Guest lecturer: Adam Crowley (Husson University, School of Science and Humanities)
*Short Reaction No. 6 due
- Assignment: Reading TBA

Dec. 2 Canadian Art
Guest lecturer: Karen Linehan (Department of Art)
- Assignment: Current Event No. 6
- Assignment: Anne Hébert’s The First Garden.

Dec. 4 French-Canadian Literature
Guest lecturer: Kathryn Slott (Modern Languages and Classics)
*Current Event No. 6 due
- Assignment: Reading TBA

Dec. 9 Politics and poetry
Guest lecturer: Dr. Frederic Rondeau (Modern Languages and Classics)
- Assignment: Reading TBA

Dec. 11 Canadian bilingualism
Guest lecturer: Dr. Ray Pelleterier (Modern Languages and Classics)

Dec. 15-19 Final Exam (date to be announced)