

20th Century Canada

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Course Description:

In History 337 we shall explore key aspects of the development of Canadian national life during the 20th Century. Major themes discussed will include the emergence of English- and French-Canadian nationalism and the crises of national unity; the impact of war on Canadian society; immigration, assimilation and multiculturalism; the emancipation of women; the struggle for socio-economic justice; and the growth of the state.

Required Texts:

Bothwell, Robert, Drummond, Ian and English, John. *Canada, 1900-1945: Power, Politics and Provincialism* and *Canada Since 1945*

Assignments:

Mid-term examination (Thursday, October 11)	20%
Research essay (due Thursday, November 15)	40%
Final exam (to be scheduled by the Registrar)	40%

Note: students must complete all three assignments in order to receive a passing grade for the course.

Lecture Topics:

Broadly speaking, the lectures will be divided into the following topics, periods and themes.

1. "The Twentieth Century will belong to Canada!" - the Laurier Era, 1896-1911 (I, Chaps. 1-6)
2. "Nothing could prepare us for this!" - the Great War, 1914-18 (I, Chaps. 7-10)
3. "Poverty in the midst of plenty" – the Years of Depression (I, Chaps. 13, 15-16 and 17)
4. "A low, dishonest decade?" – Canada on the road to war (I, Chaps. 14 and 18)

5. “A nation forged in fire” – Canada and the Second World War (I, Chaps. 19-23 and II, Chaps. 4-5)
6. “Not peace, but cold war” – facing an uncertain world, 1945 and after (II, Chaps. 3, 8, 11, 19, 21 and 23)
7. “The ‘burbs, babies and boom times” – dreams and realities during the post-World War II generation. (II, Chaps. 7, 9-10, 12, 14-17 and 22)
8. “Getting along with Uncle Sam” – Canada’s “American problem” (II, Chaps. 6, 19 and 21-23)
9. “Making the ‘Just Society’?” – the Age of Trudeau (II, Chaps. 24-26)
10. “Maîtres chez-nous!” – Canada and Quebec at the precipice (II, Chaps. 23)