

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Title:** Canada to Confederation

**Course Number:** HIST 101

**Credits:** 3

**Total Weeks:** 14 (Fall, Spring)  
12 (Summer)

**Total Hours:** 39

**Course Level:**  First Year  Second Year  
 New  Revised Course  
 Replacement Course

**Department:** Humanities

**Department Head:** P. Best

**Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

**Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE):** NONE

**Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE):** NONE

**Precluded Courses:** N/A

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In this course students will examine the basic conditions in British North America between the British Conquest and Confederation. An examination of internal and external political, social, and economic forces that shaped Canadian history will also be stressed.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Explore differing perspectives of historical events
- Identify and describe the First Nations cultural regions before contact with Europeans
- Describe the impacts of European colonization on the First Nations
- Contrast the development and everyday living conditions of New France and Acadia
- Explore the effects of the union of the Canadas
- Describe the struggles between the French and the English
- Identify significant events that shaped Canadian identity
- Examine Pre-Confederation history in transnational terms

**INSTRUCTION AND GRADING**

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
Total	39

**Grading System:** Letter Grades  Percentage  Pass/Fail  Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  Other

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting** (total must equal 100%)

Assignments (4): 35% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: 15% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i>	Project: % <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Tests: %	Midterm Exams: 25%	Final Exam: 25%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

### TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Belshaw, John Douglas (2015). Canadian History: Pre-Confederation 8th Edition. BC Open Access Textbook. [opentextbc.ca/preconfederation/](http://opentextbc.ca/preconfederation/).

### COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic	Chapter
Week 1	Introduction; Pre-Contact Aboriginal Societies	1 - 2
Week 2	The Arrival of the Europeans; Foundation of New France	3.4 – 3.6; 4
Week 3	Post-Contact Aboriginal Societies and the French Fur Trade; The British Colonies	5; 6.1 – 6.2
Week 4	Acadia; The Conquest of Quebec	6.9 – 6.12
Week 5	The Struggle for a Continent	7; 9.1 – 9.6
Week 6	The Fur Trade in the Northwest	8.4 – 8.12
Week 7	Review; Midterm	
Week 8	Economic Changes (Industrialization) and Social Developments	9.7 – 9.11; 10
Week 9	Politics in Upper and Lower Canada; Social Reform and Rebellion	11.1 – 11.10
Week 10	The Union of the Canadas; The Maritimes and Aboriginal Politics	11.11 – 11.16; 12.1 – 12.6
Week 11	The Pacific and the Northwest; The Road to Confederation	13; 14.1 – 14.8
Week 12	Presentations	
Week 13	Review	

Week 14

**FINAL EXAM**

**NOTES**

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)

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