



HISTORY 1830G: FIRST-YEAR HISTORY
SEMINAR
COURSE OUTLINE (WINTER 2021) - ONLINE

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INTRODUCTION:

This course examines a different topic each year, depending on faculty interests. In 2021, the topic will be Water Issues in Canada. Students will submit weekly posts to the class discussion forum based on assigned readings. The course will be conducted entirely online, providing opportunities for students to engage the material, learn about water issues, and write thoughtfully about them in an historical context.

PREREQUISITES:

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ANTIREQUISITES:

None

LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course will provide opportunities for students to develop skills leading to the attainment of levels 1-3 of Brescia’s Seven Competencies:

(https://www.brescia.uwo.ca/about/competency_based_learning/index.php) Communication; Critical Thinking; Inquiry and Analysis; Problem Solving; Self Awareness and Development; Social Awareness and Engagement; and Valuing. The tasks students are required to perform -- weekly readings, frequent Forum discussions, and other written assignments -- provide opportunities to develop these competencies. The written assignments build skills in communication, critical thinking, inquiry and analysis, and problem-solving. Thinking about the assigned readings, engaging in forum discussions, and writing the research assignment and personal reflection will build skills in self-awareness and development, social awareness and engagement, and valuing. Supplemental material, on water issues and historical skills development, will also build various competencies mentioned above.

By the end of the course, students will:

- Demonstrate in writing historical thinking about water issues, and recognize that interpretive perspectives change over time
- Identify in writing key concepts or approaches in the human use of water resources
- Demonstrate research skills in identifying scholarly secondary sources for the research assignment
- Critically read, summarize, and analyse secondary sources
- Identify the historical roots of current water issues

- Demonstrate an ability to write clearly and effectively in assignments
- Demonstrate an ability to review and edit writing by their peers
- Demonstrate engagement in online discussions by posting written entries
- Articulate in writing personal values about water issues
- Demonstrate oral communication skills in a brief recorded presentation

COURSE READINGS:

There is one required textbook to purchase for the course: Adele Perry, *Aqueduct: Colonialism, Resources, and the Histories We Remember* (Winnipeg: ARP Books, 2016). Other assigned readings will be available online.

ASSESSMENTS / EVALUATION:

Weekly Forum Discussion Entries (9 X 5% each. Discussion Forum Entries are due on Thursdays , according to the weekly schedule – see below).....	45%
Bibliography for Research Assignment (due 11 February).....	5%
Rough Draft of Research Assignment (due 4 March).....	10%
Peer Review of a classmate’s Rough Draft (due 11 March).....	10%
Research Assignment (due 1 April):	
Oral Summary (recorded audio file).....	5%
Written Paper.....	15%
Personal Reflection on Water Issues (350 words; due 8 April).....	<u>10%</u>
	100

Instructions for Assessments will be posted on the course OWL site.

OWL (Sakai) AND STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

The instructor will maintain a course website using UWO’s on-line learning network, “OWL” (Sakai). **Students will be required to engage the course material in a variety of ways using this website.** Please check it regularly for updates and announcements. All assignments must be submitted through OWL.

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PowerPoint lecture slides and notes, lists of readings, in-class activities, assignment guidelines, and other components of the course materials are typically the intellectual property of the instructor. Unauthorized reproduction through audio-recording, video-recording, photographing, sharing on social media, or posting on course-sharing websites is an infringement of copyright and is prohibited. Such action may be considered a Code of Conduct violation and lead to sanctions.

POLICY REGARDING LATE ASSIGNMENTS

- (a) A penalty of five (5) marks will be deducted for assignments submitted the first day after the deadline.
- (b) A penalty of one (1) mark will be assessed for each subsequent day including weekends.
- (c) **No assignments** will be accepted after the 14th day unless on:
 - (i) humanitarian grounds, or
 - (ii) medical grounds for which documentation must be provided.

(d) A student who fails to submit all of the required written work, as specified in the course outline, will not receive credit for the course.

SCHEDULE

Week	Dates: week of Thursday...	Topic	Reading	Tasks	Assessment
1	14 January	Course Introduction	OWL site – course outline, instructional documents, etc.	Post Student introduction	
2	21 January	Diversity and Power	Peter Clancy, <i>Freshwater Politics in Canada</i> (University of Toronto Press, 2014) – chap. 1: “Water Politics as Diversity,” [pp. 1-17] AND chap. 2: “Power and Fresh Water,” [pp. 18-35] – see course content page.	Post responses to readings on discussion forum	Discussion forum
3	28 January	Water for Winnipeg	Adele Perry, <i>Aqueduct: Colonialism, Resources, and the Histories We Remember</i> (Winnipeg: ARP Books, 2016). [Students are required to purchase this book from the UWO bookstore.]	Post responses to reading on discussion forum	Discussion forum
4	4 February	Introduction to <i>Border Flows</i> , and Floods	Lynn Heasley and Daniel Macfarlane, (Eds.), <i>Border Flows: A Century of the Canadian-American Water Relationship</i> Canadian History and Environment Series (University of Calgary Press, 2016) – download free PDFs from https://press.ucalgary.ca/books/9781552388952/ -Lynne Heasley and Daniel Macfarlane, “Negotiating Abundance and Scarcity: Introduction to a Fluid Border” AND Clancy, chap. 7: “Flooding and Flood Control,” [pp. 122-139] – see course content page.	Post responses to readings on discussion forum	Discussion forum
5	11 February	Boundaries	Noah D. Hall and Peter Starr, “A Citizen’s Legal Primer on the Boundary Waters Treaty, International Joint Commission, and Great Lakes Water Management,” in <i>Border Flows</i> AND...	Post responses to readings on discussion forum;	Discussion Forum; Bibliography for

			...Daniel Macfarlane, "Dam the Consequences: Hydropolitics, Nationalism, and the Niagara-St. Lawrence Projects," in <i>Border Flows</i>	submit Bibliography for Research Assignment	Research Assignment
6	13-21 February	Reading Week	NO CLASSES – ENJOY YOUR WEEK!		
7	25 February	Vancouver's Drinking Water	Mark Kuhlberg, "'An Eden That is Practically Uninhabited by Humans': Manipulating Wilderness in Managing Vancouver's Drinking Water, 1880–1930," <i>Urban History Review / Revue d'histoire urbaine</i> , Vol. 45, No. 1 (Fall 2016): 18–35. https://doi.org/10.7202/1042293ar	Post responses to reading on discussion forum	Discussion Forum
8	4 March	Hydropower	Clancy, chap. 8: "Hydropower" [pp. 140-158] – see course content page.	Post responses to reading on discussion forum; submit Rough Draft of Written Research Assignment	Discussion Forum; Rough Draft of Written Research Assignment
9	11 March	Fisheries	Clancy, chap. 5: "Fisheries and Pollution" [pp. 81-103] AND Nancy Langston, "Resiliency and Collapse: Lake Trout, Sea Lamprey, and Fisheries Management in Lake Superior," in <i>Border Flows</i>	Post responses to readings on discussion forum; submit Peer Review	Discussion Forum; Peer Review
10	18 March	Groundwater	Clancy, chap. 9: "Groundwater Politics" [ONLY pp. 159-172] AND Chelsea Barranger, "Complacency: The May 2000 Walkerton, Ontario, E. coli Tragedy," (unpublished paper for History 4291E, 2013) – see course content page.	Post responses to readings on discussion forum	Discussion Forum

11	25 March	Indigenous Peoples and Water Insecurity	Maura Hanrahan, "Water (In)security in Canada: National Identity and the Exclusion of Indigenous Peoples," <i>British Journal of Canadian Studies</i> , Vol. 30, No. 1 (2017): 69-89. – see course content page.	Post responses to reading on discussion forum	Discussion Forum
12	1 April	Niagara Falls	PBS / Niagara Parks documentary (56 minutes): "Niagara Falls" (2006) https://www.pbs.org/video/wned-tv-documentaries-niagara-falls/	Submit Research Assignment: Oral Summary (audio file) and Written Paper	Research Assignment: Oral Summary and Written Paper
13	8 April – last week	Personal Reflections	Chapter 9: "Finding Our Place," in <i>Border Flows</i>	Submit Personal Reflection on Water Issues	Personal Reflection on Water Issues

THERE IS NO FINAL EXAM

2020-21 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

The complete policy regarding [Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students](#) can be found at

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12.

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services

(http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. Submitting a **Self-Reported Absence** form provided that the conditions for submission are met;

2. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)** signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
3. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Portal

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance of 48 hours or less that is sufficiently severe to render them unable to meet academic requirements should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours. Note that the excused absence includes all courses and academic requirements within the up to 48 hours, it is not intended to provide an excused absence from a single course while students fulfill their academic responsibilities in other courses during that time.

The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

1. Students will be allowed a **maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
2. The duration of the absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30 am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30 pm;
3. The excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period if the student undertakes significant academic responsibilities (writes a test, submits a paper) during that time;
4. Self-reported absences will **not** be allowed for scheduled final examinations; midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term;
5. Self-report absences may **not** be used for assessments worth more than 30% of any course;
6. Any absences in excess of 48 hours will require students to present a Student Medical Certificate (SMC), or appropriate documentation;
7. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24** hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf ;

2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

The [full policy on requesting accommodation due to illness](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12) can be viewed at:
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2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please refer to the [Registrar's website](http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/), <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/> or the list of official sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements may be different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_68).

4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at: http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar

http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14.

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

6. PREREQUISITES

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7. SUPPORT

Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Skills Services at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>)

Mental Health and Wellness

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Mental Health & Wellness at Brescia** (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/mental-health-wellness/>) and **Health and Wellness at Western**, http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html.

Sexual Violence

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/sexual-violence/>.