Subject & Course No. Descriptive Title Semester Credits

# F: Calendar Description:

This course examines the evolution of the region which became the prairie provinces from the fur trade era to the present. The themes of race, class, and community are explored. Topics include the growth and dislocation of Metis communities, the marginalization of Natives, the settlement experience on the agricultural frontier, the changing roles of women and workers within prairie society, the creation of "protest" political parties such as the CCF and Social Credit, and the oil boom in Alberta.

**G:** Allocation of Contact Hours to Type of Instruction / Learning Settings

Primary Methods of Instructional Delivery and/or Learning Settings:

Lecture Seminar

Number of Contact Hours: (per week / semester for each descriptor)

Lecture: 2 hrs. per week / semester Seminar: 2 hrs. per week / semester

Number of Weeks per Semester: 15

**H:** Course Prerequisites:

ONE 100-LEVEL HISTORY COURSE

**I:** Course Corequisites:

NONE

**J:** Course for which this Course is a Prerequisite

**NONE** 

**K:** Maximum Class Size:

35

## L: PLEASE INDICATE:

### M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the student will have demonstrated the following skills:

- 1. The critical examination of historical sources (reading history). These sources include not only survey texts and articles but also short monographs and extended primary sources.
- 2. The creation and communication of personal interpretations of historical problems (writing history). Forms for communication of personal interpretations include annotated bibliographies, medium-length essays (from 1500-3000 words), comparative book reviews, and three-hour final examinations.
- 3. The independent analysis of the ideas of other students and the instructor in class in both tutorials and seminars (discussing history).

#### **N:** Course Content:

Note: Content may vary according to the instructor's selection of topics.

## Introduction to Historical Method

- 1. Review of Historical Terms and Methods
- 2. Research Strategies for a Major Paper
- 3. Historiography

#### Native History and the Fur Trade

- 4. Prairie First Nations
- 5. The Fur Trade
- 6. Selkirk's Colony and the North West Company
- 7. Red River Settlement: Growth, Conflict, and Canadian Invasion.

## Settlement and Politics to 1905

- 8. Manitoba, the First Western Province
- 9. The National Policy and the West
- 10. Settlement: Homestead and Family Farm
- 11. The Northwest Rebellion
- 12. Mid-term Examination

### The West in a Cycle

- 13. The emergence of two new provinces: Saskatchewan and Alberta
- 14. Building infrastructure Railways
- 15. Urbanization Winnipeg
- 16. Immigration and Nativism

## 1914 - 1945 The West: Politics and Society

- 17. The Great War
- 18. White Women, the Farm and the Vote
- 19. Labour and Strikes
- 20. The Depression
- 21. Social Credit in Alberta
- 22. World War II
- 23. Democratic Socialist Experiment in Saskatchewan

# The West Since 1945

- 24. Oil
- 25. Northern Development
- 26. Intergovernmental Relations Energy Policy
- 27. Prairies as Region and Western Regionalism

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