



History (HIST) 336

History of Canadian Labour (Revision 8)

Status:

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#) for the current revision ❌

Delivery mode:

[Individualized study online](#) with [Video component](#) (Overseas students, please contact the University Library before registering in a course that has an audio/visual component). Delivered via Brightspace.

Credits:

6

Areas of study:

Arts or Humanities

Prerequisites:

None. [LBST 200](#) or [LBST 202](#) is recommended.

Precluded:

None

Challenge: HIST 336 has a challenge for credit option.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences [↗](#)

Overview

HIST 336: History of Canadian Labour offers extensive and detailed insights into Canadian labour and working-class history from pre-colonial times until the present.

In this course, you will read a graphic novel and a number of textbooks and journal articles. You will be guided by a Study Guide that includes Study Questions and Commentary on all course readings. You will also complete a series of written assignments, finishing with a Research Essay.

Outline

- **Unit 1** – Introduction: What Is Labour? What Is Canadian about It? And How to Write Its History?
- **Unit 2** – Canadian Labour History: A Theme with Variations
- **Unit 3** – Variation I: Labour History in New Brunswick
- **Unit 4** – Variation II: Labour History in Quebec
- **Unit 5** – Variation III: Labour History in the Niagara Region

- **Unit 6** – Variation IV: Labour History in Alberta

Evaluation

To **receive credit**  for HIST 336 you must complete seven written assignments. Your final grade is determined by a weighted average on these assignments. To receive credit for this course, you must achieve an overall grade of **D (50 percent)**  or better for the entire course. The weighting for each activity is as follows:

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	10%
Assignment 2	20%
Assignment 3	10%
Assignment 4	10%
Assignment 5	10%
Assignment 6	10%
Assignment 7	30%

Activity	Weight
Total	100%

Materials

Digital course materials

Links to the following course materials will be made available in the course:

Frank, David. 2013. *Provincial Solidarities: A History of the New Brunswick Federation of Labour*. Edmonton, AB: Athabasca University Press.

Patrias, Carmela, and Larry Savage. 2012. *Union Power: Solidarity and Struggle in Niagara*. Edmonton, AB: Athabasca University Press.

Finkel, Alvin, ed. 2012. *Working People in Alberta: A History*. Edmonton, AB: Athabasca University Press.

Physical course materials

The following course materials are included in a course package that will be shipped to your home prior to your course's start date:

Graphic History Collective. 2016. *Drawn to Change: Graphic Histories of Working-Class Struggle*. Between the Lines: Toronto.

Heron, Craig. 2012. *The Canadian Labour Movement: A Short History*, 3rd ed. Toronto: James Lorimer & Co.

Other Materials

All other materials will be available to students online.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation

To **receive credit** [↗](#) for HIST 336 challenge registration, you must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) on the challenge assignment.

[📄](#) **Challenge for credit course registration form**

Important links

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- › [Program planning](#) [↗](#)
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› [Support services at AU](#) 

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