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History 329 Online

**Canadian Family
History**

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The Canadian family has been shaped by continuity and change. Continuity in Canadian family history can be seen in such themes as marriage and reproduction, while within these themes, cultural change has affected the nature of marriage and technological change has altered the nature of reproduction.

Change over time has been probably the most visible characteristic of the Canadian family, which has been part of and has responded to historical events and forces. As Canada evolved from a settler society to a pre-industrial and then an urban-industrial society, Canadian families underwent changes in size, division of labour, division of authority as well as a changing relationship to the emerging Canadian state. This course will give students a good knowledge of the important transitions experienced by successive generations of families in Canada.

Students who successfully complete this course will gain skills in working with a variety of primary sources (visual and textual), learn to apply critical skills in the analysis of secondary sources, and improve their scholarly abilities. Course work will include 3 commentaries (1,500 words each), each analyzing a number of assigned primary and/or secondary documents. There will also be a research project and paper, a mid-term test and a final exam. Participants in this course should expect to be assigned, and to report on, a minimum of 60 pages per week of required reading, in addition to reading for research connected to the essay assignment.

<u>Evaluation:</u>	3 Commentaries (1,500 words each)	30%
	1 Mid-Term Test	20%
	1 Research Essay (3,000 words)	25%
	1 Final Exam	<u>25%</u>
		100%

Required Course Materials:

Lori Chambers, Edgar-Andre Montigny, Eds. *Family Matters: Papers in Post-Confederation Canadian Family History*, Canadian Scholars' Press, Toronto, 1999

A selection of online and hard-copy visual, primary and secondary sources.

Alexander, Jeffrey W., and Joy Dixon, *Nelson Guide to Writing in History*. Second Canadian Edition, Nelson Education Ltd., Toronto, 2010