

Regional Specialization Courses Overview: North America

The purpose of these informational documents is to help GRS students choose courses that would be of interest for their regional specialization.

This is an overview of current courses, although they may change in the future. The most updated information can be found on the UBC course website: <https://courses.students.ubc.ca>

** Undergraduate students are sometimes able to take graduate level courses with special permission. Please ask.

Course Number	Course Name	Description
ANTH 220	First Nations of British Columbia	The cultures, languages, and resources of First Nations, with anthropological perspectives on colonization and development.
ANTH 303 A,B,C	Ethnography of Special Areas - ETHNO SPEC AREAS	A specialized study of ethnographic and theoretical problems in one area. Different culture areas or regions may be selected each term. Consult the Department for this year's offerings.
ANTH 304 A	Ethnography of the Northwest Coast - ETHNOG NW COAST	Specialized study of ethnographic and theoretical problems of the region.
ARCL 231	Ancient North America	Introductory survey of North American archaeology comparing the ancient cultures from all major regions of Canada and the US.
ARTH 476	Seminar of North American Indigenous Art	
CDST250A	Introduction to Canada	Approaches to the study of Canada from an interdisciplinary perspective, including cultural, political, historical, and economic dimensions.
CDST250A	Canadian Studies	An interdisciplinary introduction to Canadian studies. Required of all Canadian Studies Majors.
COMM 394	Environment, Society, and Government	Roles of government and business in the Canadian economy, with an emphasis on their interactions with the environmental and indigenous communities. Ethical foundations of government, business and personal decision-making. Credit will be granted for only one of COEC 394 or COMM 394.
ECON 336	Economic History of Canada	The growth of the Canadian economy in relation to development of natural resources, changing markets, industrialism, communications, and technology.
FNIS 210	Indigenous Politics and Self-Determination	The cultural, historical, political, economic, and gender dynamics that structure the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the state in Canada; Indigenous self-determination struggles in relation to constitutional recognition, self-government, land claims, and economic development. Credit will be granted for only one of FNIS 200, FNIS 210, or FNIS 210.
GEOG 327	CreatingCanada	Canada from the beginning of European contact to the mid-19th century, stressing the changing geographical patterns of settlement, economy, and culture.
GEOG 328	Constructing Canada	The construction of Canadian political space after Confederation, aboriginal-newcomer relations, regional development and conflict, industrialization, urbanization, and war.
GRSJ 301	Gender, Race and Indigeneity in Canada	Gender and indigeneity in the documented histories and narrated lives of Indigenous people in Canada.
GRSJ 311	African/Black Women in the Americas	An interdisciplinary survey of gender studies and histories of African/Black women in the Americas from the beginning of the slave trade to the present.
HGSE 352	First Nations Governance and Natural Resource Management	The political, economic, and legal environment of Aboriginal-Canadian relations and its influence on resource use and management; review of historic relationships, emerging case law, and new reconciliation frameworks. A core element of the Haida Gwaii Semester.
HIST 235	History of Canada: Moments that Matter	An introduction to major turning points in Canadian history. Exploration of the social, political, cultural, and environmental transformations/revolutions that have shaped Canada from early European colonialism to the twenty-first century.
HIST 237A	History of the United States	Survey from colonial period to present examining political system, slavery, Civil War, race relations and civil rights, westward expansion, industrialization, feminism, expanding international presence, Cold War, and modern culture.
HIST 302	History of the Indigenous Peoples of North America	Indigenous peoples from pre-contact to the present in Canada and the U.S. Topics include colonial frontiers, disease, fur trade, government policies, environment, gender, religion, oral narratives, activism, urbanization, and identity.
HIST 305	History of British Columbia	The social, political, cultural, environmental, and economic transformations that have made British Columbia. Topics include the histories of Indigenous and settler peoples, the modern state, migration, activism, and identity.

HIST 324	Inventing Canada, 1840-1896	An examination of political, cultural and national developments within the British North American colonies in the second half of the nineteenth century.
HIST 325	Canada 1896-1945: Boom, Bust and War	Includes Aboriginal policy, immigration and national identity; Canada, Britain and the US; World Wars; economic modernization; the Great Depression; regionalism; political and social movements; and the creation of 'Canadian' culture.
HIST 326	Canada Since 1945: Affluence and Anxiety in the Atomic Age.	Includes immigration policy; the welfare state; Aboriginal peoples; the Cold War; resource economies and national politics; continentalism and free trade; constitutional crises; conflicting nationalisms; and new social movements.
HIST 340	Histories of the American West	Frontier ideologies in relation to race, gender, class, sexuality. Place-making and historical narrative in and about the western part of the United States.
HIST 396	Environmental History of North America	Overview of land use and environmental change in Canada and the United States; examines ideas and practices that shaped indigenous and non-indigenous resource exploitation, management, and activism to the end of the twentieth century.
HIST 403C	Seminar in the History of International Relations - MIGRATN AMERICAS	In 2021W, the topic for HIST 403C is Migration in the Americas This course highlights the centrality of migration and cultural pluralism in the history of the Americas. It focuses on the people who migrate and on the responses of government officials, workers, politicians, and other migrant groups to new arrivals. Topics include diplomacy, government policies, gender, the construction of racial categories, and nationalism.
HIST 413	Imagining the Nation: 19th- and 20th-Century Canada	The political and intellectual history of the concept of the nation in French and English Canada, and the different forms of nationalism it inspired from the middle of the nineteenth century to the 1995 Quebec Referendum.
HIST 414	Constitutions in Canadian History: From Pre-Contact to the Charter of Rights	European precedents, Colonial self-government, Canadian Confederation, and issues such as gay rights, abortion, and First Nations land rights.
POLI 101	The Government of Canada	An examination of the institutions and processes of Canadian government.
POLI 309	Canadian Perspectives on Human Rights	Key issues in the theory and practice of human rights in Canada. Topics will vary from year to year.
POLI 320A	Government and Politics of the United States of America	The distinctive political system of the U.S. Covers all major institutions and processes, focusing on contemporary issues. Comparisons with the Canadian system. Sources of political failure and possible reform.
POLI 320B	Government and Politics of the United States of America	The distinctive political system of the U.S. Covers all major institutions and processes, focusing on contemporary issues. Comparisons with the Canadian system. Sources of political failure and possible reform.
SOCI 210	Canadian Social Structure	Descriptive and analytic survey of such features as demographic characteristics, class structure, ethnicity, and regional variation in Canadian society as a basis for understanding current social issues.
SOCI 310	Canadian Society	Social organization of Canadian society: relationships between social institutions and social processes (e.g., economics, education, family, law, media, and politics); including issues of ancestry, ethnicity, gender, region, and social class.

Topics in Geography - TPCS GEOG

Topics will vary from year to year. Consult the departmental website or contact the Geography undergraduate advisor for details.