

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION: Hockey Nation: Sports History and Canadian Identity**

In this course we study the history of Canada through the history of sport. The course is designed especially for students with no background in History: it is an introduction to the history of sports in Canada and to the study of history in general. How did sport interact with changes in capitalism, culture, and media? What does the evolution of games and sports in Canada tell us about Canadian identity, and class, gender, and race in Canada? The focus will be on historical change from pre-industrial Canada to recent times. Topics to be studied include Aboriginal games, lacrosse, the evolution and story of professional ice hockey, baseball, football, the Olympic games, and others. The course will include the viewing and analysis of high-quality documentary films on the history of sport in Canada.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1. ***In-class quizzes.*** There will be eight short multiple-choice quizzes during the term, all based on the films from the documentary series the People's History of Hockey. Your overall grade for the quizzes will be the average of your scores for five quizzes (your best five).
3. ***Short essay on assigned questions.*** You are *not* required to write long research essays in this course. Instead, you are required to write one essay on a choice of assigned questions; this essay will be between 1500 and 2000 words in length.
4. ***Mid term and Final exam.*** There will be a mid-term based exclusively on the lectures. There is also an exam in the scheduled exam period.

**GRADES** Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Attendance: 5%

Eight quizzes (the average of the scores on your best five quizzes): 25%.

Mid term lectures test: 20%

Short essay: 20%

Final exam: 30%