Description:

In this course, we will explore the early history of the region that became the Colony of Vancouver Island and Oregon Territory by the mid-nineteenth century. The course focuses on topics of indigenous power, demographic changes, fur trade relations, and state and imperial interventions into the Northwest Coast and the Interior. We will engage with Northwest history through primary and secondary sources to understand the region’s historical development and how regional historical narratives are constructed. This course is the first in a three-part sequence in the history of British Columbia.