### Université Western Ontario

### French 2405A

# Civilisation québécoise et canadienne-française Géographie, Histoire et Politique du Québec

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**Prerequisite**: French 1900E, French 1910, or by permission of the

Department, based on Placement Test.

Antirequisite: The former French 142E/242E/2120E/2410E

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from

- be able to identify some of the major geographical locations and other landmarks in Quebec.
- have a basic understanding of the historical, social and political development of the province.
- be able to identify some of the important historical, social and political figures and events throughout Quebec's history.
- acquire a better understanding of what it is to be Québécois, including the concepts of sovereignty, separatism, and federal and provincial nationalism.

## Required Texts:

There are no required texts for the course. A web site has been created which includes the majority of the lectures. This "Internet-based textbook" has no multimedia content whatsoever. Also, in-class lectures convey more information than on the site. Students should make sure they have an active Internet account and access to OWL in order to access the web site.

### DISTRIBUTION OF MARKS

Final Exam:

Report and Abstract: 30%

Midterm Test: 25%

Class Attendance and Participation: 10%

This course is applicable towards the Program Modules offered by the Department of French Studies. Your Report and Abstract will be done in French, with 80% of your grade for content and 20% for grammar and spelling. Your Midterm Test and Final Exam will also be written in French. Grammar and spelling percentages do not apply to the Midterm Test or to some sections of the Final Exam.

## Report and Abstract - 30%:

• Each student will prepare a 1,500-word Report (25%) and an Abstract (5%) on a topic of his/her choice. An abstract is a concise summary of the report.

35%

- Report topics and detailed instructions are given the **second** week of classes.
   Due dates will be assigned the third week of classes. There is a 2% per weekday penalty for late Reports/Abstracts.
- Abstracts will be between 150 and 200 words. Students will read aloud the abstract, which will conclude with 1 fact-based question and answer. Some

of these questions will be used in part of the Midterm Test and Final Exam. Abstracts and questions will be posted on the course web site.

### Midterm Test - 25%:

• A two-hour Midterm Test will be given in-class. The test includes questions from student Abstracts, and other questions based on course material.

## Class Attendance and Participation - 10%:

- The success of your learning experience in any course requires that you regularly attend classes. 10% of your mark is based on class attendance. Also, your participation during class, (asking questions, giving answers, participating in discussion), is encouraged and acknowledged.
- Attendance for each day will be recorded and every absence will affect your mark, so it is important to arrive on time and stay until the end of class.
- Each unjustified three-hour class absence will result in a deduction of 1.5% from the Attendance mark. If you miss 7 or more classes, your Attendance and Participation mark will be zero, and you will receive a warning message from me. Please advise me by email in cases of unavoidable absence, such as serious illness or family emergencies, and be prepared to provide a good reason or excuse for justification of short-

Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Please note that in all courses offered by the Department of French Studies, this same requirement will also apply to assignments worth less than 10% of the final grade. Final examinations must be written at the scheduled time unless formal alternative arrangements for a Special Examination have been approved (by the instructor, the Department and the Home Faculty Dean's Office) based on valid documented grounds.

A downloadable Student Medical Certificate can be found here: