

Course Schedule

IMPORTANT: ALL TIMES EASTERN - Please see the [University Policies](#) section of your Syllabus for details.

Week	Module	Readings and Other Assigned Material	Activities and Assignments	Due Date	Weight (%)
Week 1	Module 01: Introduction	<p>NOTE: Readings and videos for modules should be done as scheduled - i.e. prior to the lecture material.</p> <p>Loewen and Nolt, <i>Through Fire and Water</i>, Chapters 1-6</p>	<p>NOTE: Check the Announcements at least twice a week.</p>		
Week 2	Module 02: 16th Century Anabaptist Origins	<p>Loewen and Nolt, <i>Through Fire and Water</i>, Chapters 1-6</p> <p>Watch Film: <i>The Radicals</i></p>	Groups for the Group Discussions will be created by Technical Support	Check after Friday, May 15, 2020 at 4:30 PM	
Week 3	Module 03: Swiss Mennonite Migrations	Loewen and Nolt, <i>Through Fire and Water</i> , Chapters 7, 8	Introduce Yourself to Your Group	Due Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 11:55 PM	Ungraded
			Begin Group Discussion 1		
			Information Literacy Activity: Evaluating Websites Quiz	Due Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 11:55 PM	Ungraded
			Information Literacy Activity: Citation Style Quiz	Due Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 11:55 PM	Ungraded
Week 4	Module 04: The Old Order	Peters, <i>The Plain People</i> (read entire book)	Sample Annotated Bibliography Entry	Due Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 11:55 PM	
			Group Discussion 1	Due Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 11:55 PM	5%
			Begin Group Discussion 2		
Week 5	Module 05: Russian Mennonite	Loewen and Nolt, <i>Through Fire and Water</i> , Chapters 11,			

	Migrations	12, 13			
Week 6	Module 06: Mennonites in the Soviet Era	Continue as for Week 5	Group Discussion 2	Due Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 7	Module 07: Divisions and Diversity	No readings	Annotated Bibliography	Due Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 11:55 PM	20%
Week 8	Module 08: Mennonites in Mexico	No readings			
Week 9	Module 09: Family and Community	No readings	Begin Group Discussion 3		
Week 10	Module 10: Mennonites in War and Peace	Loewen and Nolt, <i>Through Fire and Water</i> , Chapters 9, 10 Watch Film: The Last Objectors			
	Module 11: Mennonites in the Global Context	Loewen and Nolt, <i>Through Fire and Water</i> , Chapters 14, 15, 16	Group Discussion 3	Due Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 11:55 PM	5%
Week 12		No readings	Research Essay	Due Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11:55 PM	25%
			All work should be received	Due Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11:55 PM	
Final Examination	Take-home final posted online on Wednesday, August 5 at 11:55 PM, due Thursday, August at 11:55 PM				40%

Official Grades and Course Access

Official Grades and Academic Standings are available through [Quest](#).

Your access to this course will continue for the duration of the current term. You will not have access to this course once the next term begins.

Contact Information

Announcements

Your instructor uses the **Announcements** widget on the **Course Home** page during the term to communicate new or changing information regarding due dates, instructor absence, etc., as needed. You are expected to read the announcements on a regular basis.

To ensure you are viewing the complete list of announcements, you may need to click **Show All Announcements**.

Discussions

A [General Discussion](#) topic* has also been made available to allow students to communicate with peers in the course. Your instructor may drop in at this discussion topic.

Contact Us

Who and Why	Contact Details
Instructor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course-related questions (e.g., course content, deadlines, assignments, etc.) Questions of a personal nature 	<p>Post your course-related questions to the Ask the Instructor discussion topic*. This allows other students to benefit from your question as well.</p> <p>Questions of a personal nature can be directed to your instructor.</p> <p>Instructor: Christina Moss c2moss@uwaterloo.ca</p> <p>Your instructor checks the Ask the Instructor discussion topic* frequently and will make every effort to reply to your questions within 24-48 hours, Monday to Friday.</p>
Technical Support, Centre for Extended Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical problems with Waterloo LEARN 	<p>learnhelp@uwaterloo.ca</p> <p>Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number.</p> <p>Technical support is available during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (Eastern Time).</p> <p>LEARN Help Student Documentation</p>
Learner Support Services, Centre for Extended Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General inquiries WatCards (Student ID Cards) Examination information 	<p>Student Resources</p> <p>extendedlearning@uwaterloo.ca +1 519-888-4002</p> <p>Include your full name, WatIAM user ID, student number, and course name and number.</p>

*Discussion topics can be accessed by clicking **Connect** and then **Discussions** on the course navigation bar above.

Course Description and Objectives

Course Description

The course is a general survey of Mennonite history, beliefs and culture from the 16th century to the present. Themes to be covered include: Anabaptist origins, basic religious beliefs, migrations, family and community life, cultural traditions and religious and social practices. Mennonites around the world will be studied with an emphasis on Mennonites in Canada in the 20th century.

Objectives

- To gain a basic knowledge of the Mennonites, from their beginnings in 16th century Europe to their contemporary presence across the globe, including the history of their beliefs, migrations, divisions, culture and customs, and current identities.
- To gain an understanding of the place of ethnic and religious minorities in Canadian history and their contribution to the creation of multicultural identities in this country.
- To gain an understanding of the variety of Mennonites that live in southwestern Ontario and particularly in the vicinity of Waterloo.
- To foster an appreciation for the dynamic interaction between religious belief and cultural practice, through a case study of the Mennonites.
- To help students develop skills in finding and evaluating sources, understanding and analyzing information, and reflecting on their learning in group discussions and written assignments.

This online course was developed by Marlene Epp, with instructional design and multimedia development support provided by the Centre for Extended Learning. Further media production was provided by Instructional Technologies and Multimedia Services.

About the Course Author

Course Author — Marlene Epp

Educational Background

Marlene Epp is Professor of History and Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College, one of the affiliated colleges at the University of Waterloo. Conrad Grebel is a church college of the Mennonites, and offers undergraduate teaching in the liberal arts, and graduate teaching in theological studies. Marlene received her Ph.D. in Canadian History from the University of Toronto in 1996.

Research Interests

Her primary areas of teaching and research are in the areas of Mennonite history, gender studies, the history of immigration and ethnicity in Canada, and the history of peace. Epp's doctoral dissertation was revised and published as *Women Without Men: Mennonite Refugees of the Second World War* (University of Toronto Press, 2000). She has also written a popular booklet, *Mennonites in Ontario: An Introduction* (Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario, revised edition, 2012). Her most recent books are *Mennonite Women in Canada: A History* (University of Manitoba Press, 2008), and *Edible Histories, Cultural Politics: Towards a Canadian Food History* (University of Toronto Press, 2012) co-edited with Franca Iacovetta and Valerie Korinek.

Family and Children

Marlene is of Mennonite background herself and grew up in a family with much interest in Mennonite history. Both sets of her grandparents were Mennonite immigrants from south Russia, arriving in Canada in the mid-1920s. Marlene grew up in a small Mennonite community in southern Manitoba. She is married and has two sons. She hopes you enjoy your exploration of Mennonite history!



Materials and Resources

Textbooks

Required

1. Loewen, Harry, and Steven Nolt. *Through Fire and Water: An Overview of Mennonite History*. Herald Press, 2010.
2. Peters, John. *The Plain People: A Glimpse at Life Among the Old Order Mennonites of Ontario*. Pandora Press, 2003.

Videos

Required

1. *The Radicals*, Vision Video, 2004 (can be purchase through the Bookstore)
2. [The Last Objectors](#), CBC Canada

For textbook ordering information, please contact the [W Store | Course Materials + Supplies](#).

For your convenience, you can compile a list of required and optional course materials through [BookLook](#) using your Quest userID and password. If you are having difficulties ordering online and wish to call the Waterloo Bookstore, their phone number is +1 519-888-4673 or toll-free at +1 866-330-7933. Please be aware that textbook orders **CANNOT** be taken over the phone.

Resources

- [HIST 247 Research Guide](#)
- [Mennonite Studies: Digital Collections](#)

Grade Breakdown

The following table represents the grade breakdown of this course.

Activities and Assignments	Weight (%)
Information Literacy	Ungraded
Group Discussions (3 x 5%)	15%
Annotated Bibliography	20%
Research Essay (Based on Annotated Bibliography)	25%
Take-Home Final Examination	40%

Course Policies

Late Policy

Please plan your academic work carefully, keeping in mind the deadlines for assignments in all your courses. Marlene is generally amenable to requests for extensions in situations of illness, emergencies, or family/personal crises. You must request an extension from the Teaching Assistant managing the course BEFORE the assignment is

due; the instructor will consult with Marlene as needed. Any agreed-upon extension must be confirmed by means of an email exchange. Assignments that are submitted past the due date without any prior consultation will be subject to a grading penalty of 2% per day.

University Policies

Submission Times

Please be aware that the University of Waterloo is located in the **Eastern Time Zone** (GMT or UTC-5 during standard time and UTC-4 during daylight saving time) and, as such, the time that your activities and/or assignments are due is based on this zone. If you are outside the Eastern Time Zone and require assistance with converting your time, please try the [Ontario, Canada Time Converter](#).

Accommodation Due to Illness

If your instructor has provided specific procedures for you to follow if you miss assignment due dates, term tests, or a final examination, adhere to those instructions. Otherwise:

MISSED ASSIGNMENTS/TESTS/QUIZZES

Contact the instructor as soon as you realize there will be a problem, and preferably within 48 hours, but no more than 72 hours, have a medical practitioner complete a [Verification of Illness Form](#).

Email a scanned copy of the Verification of Illness Form to your instructor. In your email to the instructor, provide your name, student ID number, and exactly what course activity you missed.

Further information regarding Management of Requests for Accommodation Due to Illness can be found on the [Accommodation due to illness](#) page.

Academic Integrity

In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. **If you have not already completed the online tutorial regarding academic integrity you should do so as soon as possible.** Undergraduate students should see the [Academic Integrity Tutorial](#) and graduate students should see the [Graduate Students and Academic Integrity](#) website.

Proper citations are part of academic integrity. Citations in CEL course materials usually follow CEL style, which is based on APA style. Your course may follow a different style. If you are uncertain which style to use for an assignment, please confirm with your instructor or TA.

Turnitin

Turnitin.com: Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is used to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students' submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin® in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit the alternate assignment.

[Turnitin® at Waterloo](#)

Discipline

A student is expected to know what constitutes [academic integrity](#) to avoid committing an academic offence, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offence, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offences (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about "rules" for group work/collaboration, should seek guidance from the course instructor, academic advisor, or the undergraduate Associate Dean. For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](#). For typical penalties, check [Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties](#).

Appeals

A decision made or penalty imposed under [Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances](#), (other than a petition) or [Policy 71 - Student Discipline](#), may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to [Policy 72 - Student Appeals](#).

Grievance

A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. Read [Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances](#), Section 4. When in doubt please be certain to contact the department's administrative assistant who will provide further assistance.

Final Grades

In accordance with [Policy 46 - Information Management](#), Appendix A - Access to and Release of Student Information, the Centre for Extended Learning does not release final examination grades or final course grades to

AccessAbility Services

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Accessibility Statement

The Centre for Extended Learning strives to meet the needs of all our online learners. Our ongoing efforts to become aligned with the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act \(AODA\)](#) are guided by University of Waterloo accessibility [Legislation](#) and policy and the [World Wide Web Consortium's \(W3C\) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.0](#). The majority of our online courses are currently delivered via the Desire2Learn Learning Environment. Learn more about [Desire2Learn's Accessibility Standards Compliance](#).

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