

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title:	Making History Matter to the Public	
Course Number and Section	HISTORY	4810F - 550
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Course Description:

This course examines the methods and modes of Active History being employed by scholars and public historians in North America. Each week, we will examine a medium or method employed to raise awareness about a specific historical issue to consider how we do, do not, or could better apply Active History models in public history projects. Over the course of the term, we'll apply what we learn in a video project that will be created in collaboration with the curatorial staff at Banting House National Historic Site.

Learning Outcomes:

Understand how historians have historically and modernly engaged with Active History

Be able to compare & contrast Active History, Activist History, and Community-Engaged History

Understand best practices for doing community-engaged work

Have hands-on experience navigating shared authority

Research, script, and produce a short documentary

Textbooks and Course Materials:

There is NO textbook for HIST 4810F. Please review the course website for posted materials and read all materials listed in the course outline.

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance/In class participation	Ongoing	20
Documentary Proposal	October 2	10
Draft Script	October 23	10
Annotated "Bibliography"	November 6	10
Shot List/Storyboard	November 13	10

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
In Class Presentation	November 27	10
Final Documentary	December 4	10
Reflection Essay	December 4	20

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Luīnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.