

# Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

**Course Title:** Tyrants: Historical Profiles in Oppression and Resistance

**Course Number and Section**

HISTORY 2712F - 550

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### Course Description:

This course explores tyranny in human history, from ancient to modern times, with a focus on the early modern West and its global expansion. It will explore the evolution of the concept of the tyrant, the idea of legitimate vs illegitimate rule, and the resistance and agency of oppressed peoples.

### Learning Outcomes:

- identify and explain the characteristics of oppressive regimes and the various uses and abuses of the term “tyrant” in scholarly and popular discourse.
- grasp the motivation and justification for tyrannical behaviour and understand why people support oppressive regimes.
- understand modes of resistance and explain why some movements fail where others succeed.
- connect events from the past to current political and social issues.
- express ideas and arguments clearly and concisely both orally and in writing.
- write and properly format an essay that uses primary and secondary evidence to support a thesis statement.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

All readings can be found on JSTOR, Sakai, on library reserve, or have their stable URLs listed in the full course summary.

### Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Ongoing	10%
Film Review	10/05/2023	20%
Essay Proposal	10/26/2023	5%
Essay	11/23/2023	35%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Exam	TBD	30%

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