Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

1. People skills
2. Communication skills
3. Problem-solving skills
4. Analytical abilities
5. Leadership skills
6. Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen’s, starting with the skills listed here for ideas. Exploring your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the Career Services workshop.

What can I learn studying HISTORY?

- Knowledge of a broad spectrum of historical events and trends
- Understanding of how historians study the past
- Knowledge of how political, social, economic, and cultural change occurs
- Understanding of the relationship between history and current events
- Oral and written communication to communicate ideas through writing and present research to a group
- Analytical skills to make judgements based on available historical evidence
- Research skills to synthesize large amounts of material and identify relevant information
- Attention to detail to analyze texts and historical arguments
- Problem solving to develop systematic procedures for investigating a problem
- Resource and time management

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top 5 Intelligent Communities across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city ‘the happiest place on the planet’. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the freshwater sailing capital of the world, Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like career or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally, and Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

History

Get to know HISTORY

The undergraduate program in History at Queen’s provides students with exciting opportunities to critically explore the roots of contemporary societies throughout the world. You can explore such diverse areas as the Crusades, slavery and race relations, Native history in the Americas, the Russian Revolution, the problems of 20th century Canadian unity, the economic development of Africa, and the perception and treatment of women in North America. Our seminar-based program offers something hard to find these days —small classes where students and instructors discuss what they have read, what they think, and what they believe. With an emphasis on developing speaking, research and writing skills, a history degree provides a sound preparation for careers in education, law, public service, journalism, and business.

History courses at Queen’s are divided into two types: lecture courses and seminars. Lecture courses with approximately 100 students introduce students to the broad contours of historical inquiry. Second-year seminars form a fundamental part of the program. Seminars are small, discussion-based classes of roughly 20 to 25 students. Seminars provide an opportunity to develop communication skills necessary to pursue the discipline at the graduate level or employment in the marketplace.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Major / Medal / Minor in History, Liberal Studies, Medieval Studies, Jewish Studies Internship option available Online Bachelor of Arts (General)

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global. That is a degree from Queen’s.
This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone’s abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online Course Mapping Tool or the Queen's Get Involved website for more information.

Get the Courses You Need

In first year take one of HIST 121, HIST 122, HIST 124, or HIST 125 (or BISC 100 and 101 at Hermonence Castle). If interested in Medieval Studies minor, take ENGL 100 and one of LATN 110, GREK 112 or ARAB 100. Build your transferable skills in time management, problem-solving, writing and more with Student Academic Success Services.

Get Relevant Experience

Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen’s Debate Union (QUO) and Queen’s International Affairs Association. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas. Volunteer at organizations like the Queen’s Archives.

Get Connected with the Community

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, museums, and cultural studies groups, such as the AMS Social Issues Commission and the Kingston Museum of Healthcare. Check out Kingston Museums for more ideas.

Get Thinking Globally

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUC’s International Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

Get Ready for Life After Graduation

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

1ST YEAR

2ND YEAR

You must take a 6.0-unit second year “core seminar” (HIST 300-329) before proceeding to upper level seminars in third and fourth year. See more on core seminars on the History Department website. The department recommends you take at least two, 200-level lecture courses in second year, in addition to the seminars plus other courses outlined in the Academic Calendar.

Want to enhance your degree? Consider a certificate in Employment Relations or explore other certificates available.

3RD YEAR

You need the equivalent of 3 full-year upper level seminars (27 units) to fulfill your seminar requirements. We suggest you take one full and one half upper level seminar (HIST 333-499) in third year as well as option courses. Have you met the Canadian History requirement?

Need help mapping all of your core, option, supporting and elective courses (including those not listed above) to make sure you will have what you need to complete your degree? Use the Course Mapping Tool on the Arts and Science website.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

We suggest you take one full and one half upper level seminar (HIST 333-499) in fourth year. By fourth year you should be working on your remaining option and elective courses. Make sure to map your minor and / or certificate(s) as well. Apply to graduate in SOLUS.

Consider a 12-16 month quip internship

Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

Consider joining professional associations like the Heritage Canada Association and the Canadian Historical Association (CHA). Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in History.

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor. Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, grad school applications, or other decisions.

Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps.html for the online version with links!