# History

The History Department offers a wide range of courses that span from the pre-modern past to the contemporary era and geographically circle the globe. Courses build on a number of disciplinary vantage points and explore various themes, including cultural, economic, environmental, gender, global and transnational, Indigenous, intellectual, labour, legal, political, and religious history. In addition, students have the opportunity to undertake a variety of independent research, community projects, experiential learning, and internship opportunities. The emphasis on analysis, critical thinking, research, communication, and writing skills prepare history students for careers in law, education, public policy, business, museum and archives, publishing, research, and media.

# REASONS to study HISTORY

A History degree provides essential skills for a variety of career options, including education, law, policy, public service, media, and business.

History offers a range of small-sized seminars, which allow students to interact with professors individually and provides an enriching learning experience.

The range of courses spans the globe.
History lecture and seminar courses cover every continent, and many courses examine the interconnected nature of human experience.

History helps us to critically examine how the world we inhabit came to be.

A history degree offers opportunities for innovative independent research projects and a number of real-world experiential learning and public history internships.

#### Alumni Story

"Studying in the Queen's History department taught me a number of great things, including that I know a small fraction of what there is to know, but that I have the capacity to learn a lot through discussion, analysis, and hard work."

- Christine Platt, BAH

## **TOP ALUMNI JOBS**

32 % of alumni work in EDUCATION

of alumni work in GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT

of alumni work in LAW

of alumni work in BANKING, INVESTMENT & INSURANCE

## Add a Certificate

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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Our alumni also work in fields such as media, libraries and archives, management, museums, and as researchers and consultants for industry. Listen to our <u>Alumni Archives Podcast</u> to learn more.

## 2025-26 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Check in with your department to learn more about what opportunities and resources are available for you!

## Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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# History MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS: HONOURS DEGREE (SPECIALIZATION/MAJOR/MINOR) OR GENERAL DEGREE



#### **1ST YEAR** 2ND YEAR **3RD YEAR GET THE** In first year you will have the chance to explore Dive deeper into the discipline of History by **COURSES** A chance to enrol in upper-year seminar the foundations of History along with some completing the second-year foundational core courses (HIST 333-499) and start grouping YOU NEED electives. Enrol in one or two first-year History seminar course, while considering a minor to courses in areas of interest, or to keep your courses of your choosing to meet prerequisites diversify your learning experience. topic selection more interdisciplinary to for History courses in years 2 and above. explore many areas of History. Want to make sure your academic skills are Meet with an upper-year peer advisor (PATH) where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student or contact the Department's Academic Advising Meet with an <u>Academic Advisor</u> to make sure Academic Success Services) for some help. Team. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to you are on track and have planned out your learn more about Plan options. courses for next year. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills! **GET RELEVANT** Look into summer jobs by visiting the Join teams or clubs on campus such as the If interested, apply for an <u>Undergraduate</u> **EXPERIENCE** <u>department's Careers webpage</u> or talking to Queen's Debating Union (QDU) and Queen's Student Summer Research Fellowship Career Services about work through SWEP International Affairs Association. See the AMS (USSRF). Consider applying to do a 12-16 Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved or Work-Study. Explore History's internship month **QUIP** internship between your third opportunities through HIST 512: Experiential page for more ideas. and fourth year. Consider applying for HIST Learning in Historical Practice. 501/502 Queen's Archives Internships to build Consider getting involved with the History practical experience working with archives. Consider taking more responsibility within Department Student Council to help shape the different extracurriculars. Think about applying experience of all History students at Queen's. to positions in student services, the AMS, media Explore experiential learning opportunities outlets like the **Queen's Journal**, undergraduate and apply to the Department of History's journals like Living Histories, and CFRC internships program. **GET ENGAGED** Volunteer on- or off-campus with different Do targeted networking with alumni Get involved with the **Department Student** WITH THE community organizations, museums, and working in careers of interest through Council (DSC) and attend department events to COMMUNITY cultural studies groups, such as the AMS Social network with faculty and fellow students. LinkedIn. Check out Career Services Issues Commission and the Kingston Museum networking workshops Start or continue volunteering with organizations of Healthcare. Check out Kingston Museums for such as Queen's Model Parliament. more ideas. **GET ENGAGED** Build your intercultural competence by getting Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking **GLOBALLY** involved with other cultures or by practicing environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural about where you would like to study abroad. or improving your language skills, perhaps Apply in January for a third year exchange Awareness Certificate and research possible through an <u>Indigenous Languages and</u> through the International Programs Office. immigration regulations. Cultures certificate. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their Consider applying for a HIST 517:

Independent Study Project during your

Explore different careers of interest in the

using the **Queen's Career Guide to the UN** 

Sustainable Development Goals.

information check out **Career Cruising** or by

finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Find impactful work that aligns with your values

Career Services Resource Area. For more

studies abroad next year.

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Look for <u>History courses</u> that offer you the

and learn about geographic and thematic

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research

required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get

help thinking about Grad School from Career

education requirements for careers of

interest. If needed, prepare to take any

Services or the **Graduate History Office**.

areas that are new to you.

opportunity to broaden your global knowledge

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

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 completing an <u>Independent Research</u> Paper in History (HIST 514/515/517) and submit your work at the Inquiry @ Queen's Undergraduate Conference.

Publish your work with peer reviewed journals like Living Histories, The Observer, or Politicus.

Consider joining professional associations like the Heritage Canada Association and the Canadian Historical Association (CHA).

Become involved as a Peer Advisor in our Peer Advising Team in History (PATH).

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Consider applying for an M.A. in History to specialize in fields such as Global History, Postcolonial and Decolonial Thought, and **Environmental History** 

Get involved with the Global History Initiative.

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.

#### **Knowledge & Workplace** Skills

A degree in History can equip you

- 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
- Communication skills to convey ideas clearly in writing and in oral presentations.
- Analytical skills to make judgments 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
- Development of rigorous procedures to systematically investigate a problem
- · Resource and time management

#### **Career Possibilities**

A degree in History can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Anthropology
- Archival science
- · Genealogical research
- Intelligence analysis
- Library science Museum curator
- Policy analyst
- Public administration
- Technical writing

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

#### How to use this map

**GET CAREER** 

READY

just offers suggestions - you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

programs, events, and training opportunities.

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors

Night or get some help wondering about career

options from Career Services.

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

## **History**



Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers 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. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the <a href="Student Affairs">Student Affairs</a> website for available resources.



ARTS AND SCIENCE

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# QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

#### START DATES

in May, September, or January

#### POSITIONS

are paid and full-time

#### **WORK TERMS**

are 12-16 months long

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with "Professional Internship" on your degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry
- Explore a career path, earn a salary, and build workplace skills

**ELIGIBILITY** 

- Complete 1st year before you register
- Complete 2nd or 3rd year before your internship
- Minimum GPA of 1.9
- Return to Queen's after your internship to finish your degree

WHY QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience
- Build network connections
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship

# Planning Logistics Intern Resource Conservation Technical Writer Analyst

For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

## Why study in Kingston?

Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive

ne safe than you think to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America - you will have CANADA London / 7 hrs Oueen's the experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally Halifax / 2 hrs San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston recognized Denver / 3 hrs among UNITED New York / 1.5 hrs the best. STATES Atlanta / 2 hrs Bermuda / 2 hrs