

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.

TOP 5 Reasons to Study HISTORY

1

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

2

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

3

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.

4

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

5

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

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

32% of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

15% of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT**

9% of alumni work in **LAW**

7% of alumni work in **BANKING, INVESTMENT & INSURANCE**

Our alumni also work in fields such as **media**, **libraries** and **archives**, **management**, **museums**, and as **researchers** and **consultants** for industry. Listen to our [Alumni Archives Podcast](#) to learn more.

add an optional **CERTIFICATE**

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

Law

Business

[QUartsci.com/certs](https://quartsci.com/certs)

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**

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!

2026-27 Plan Thresholds

History MAJOR MAP

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



CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in History can equip you with:

- 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
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.

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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 [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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QUIP

QUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

START DATES

May, September,
or January

POSITIONS

are paid and
full-time

WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months
long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

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 the job search and during the internship.

Sample Past Internships



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 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 the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

We're closer than you think.

