The study of history will help you sharpen your skills of analysis, discussion, research, and writing - all while critically exploring the roots of contemporary issues throughout the world. Students of history at Queen’s can explore a broad menu of topics, as diverse as the Crusades, Slavery, and Race Relations, Indigenous History in the Americas, the Russian Revolution, 20th Century Canada, the Economic Development of Africa, and the Perception and Treatment of Women in North America.

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**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.

**2019-20 major thresholds**

- **2.1 cGPA**: Automatic Acceptance min of C+ in HIST 1## or BISC 101
- **1.7 cGPA**: Pending List min of C in HIST 1## or BISC 101

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](http://quartsci.com/planselection)

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- Christine Platt, BAH ’06

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That is a degree from Queen’s.

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History MAJOR MAP *

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MINOR

1ST YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of History along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen’s Debating Union (QDU) 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.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

Interested in British History? Consider taking a special History course cluster at our Castle campus in England during the fall term.

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.

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services library, such as Top Careers for History Graduates. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

2ND YEAR

Start going deeper into the discipline of History, while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Employment Relations. Attend Degree + in the fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

Consider taking more responsibility within different extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services, the AMS, or media outlets like the Queen’s Journal, CFRC and QTV.

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen’s Model Parliament.

3RD YEAR

A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of History. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USRF).

Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.

Apply to the Historical Practice (experiential learning)/Archive Internships if interested.

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Check out Career Services networking workshops.

Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC. Submit your work at the Inquiry @ Queen’s Undergraduate Conference.

Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills, perhaps through an Indigenous Languages and Cultures certificate.

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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

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.

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

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Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, 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.

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.
• Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY
• 2nd or 3rd Year Students
• Minimum GPA of 1.9

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.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS

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

We’re closer than you think.