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 a variety of 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 and archives, publishing, research, and media.

**Top 5 Reasons to Study History**

1. A History degree provides a sound preparation for careers in education, law, public service, and business. History offers a range of small-sized seminar courses, which allow students to interact with professors individually, and provides an enhanced and enriching learning experience. The range of History courses span the globe. Lecture and seminar courses cover every continent and many courses examine transnational connections between different geographical regions.

2. Critically explore the roots of contemporary issues throughout the world.

3. Get real research, archival, or public history work experience with an independent research project or internship.

"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 ’06

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.

**2020-21 major thresholds**

**OPEN** Automatic Acceptance

* min of C in HIST 1## or BISC 101

**OPEN** Pending List

* min pass 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

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Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Studio Q.

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

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.

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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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

What will I learn?

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
• 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

Where can I go?

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.

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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).

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.

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.

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
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MAJOR MAP

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 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.

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.

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