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.

**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.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study HISTORY**

1. A History degree provides a sound preparation for careers in education, law, public service, and business.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Critically explore the roots of contemporary issues throughout the world.
5. 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

**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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1ST YEAR
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.

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.

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.

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).

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. 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 QUICs Intercultural 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.

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 Counseling or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.

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 ODGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

The coronavirus pandemic may impact how some activities are delivered in 2020-2021. Please check directly with the host of any activity on the map for the latest information.

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

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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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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.