**HISTORY**

Major, Bachelor of Arts (Honours) | degree PLAN

**Sample Year by Year**

**1ST YEAR**
- 6.0 units from HIST 121/6.0, HIST 122/6.0, HIST 124/6.0, HIST 125/6.0, (BISC 100/3.0 and BISC 101/3.0)
- 24.0 units of electives

**2ND YEAR**
- 6.0 units from HIST 300/6.0 to HIST 330/6.0
- 12.0 units from HIST at the 200 level
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

**3RD YEAR**
- 9.0 units from HIST 333/4.5 to 499/4.5
- 6.0 units from HIST Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

**4TH YEAR**
- 18.0 units from HIST Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUarts.com/academic-calendar

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**HIST-M-BAH** Major (Arts) Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

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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**TOP 5 REASONS to study HISTORY**

1. Learn from world-recognized scholars whose research and curiosities span the globe.
2. Critically explore the roots of contemporary issues throughout the world.
3. Examine a variety of historical periods, places, and peoples.
4. A History degree provides a sound preparation for careers in education, law, public service, and business.
5. The department offers small seminars from years one through four.

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**ALUMNI JOBS**

- 7% of alumni work in BANKING, INVESTMENT & INSURANCE
- 9% of alumni work in LAW
- 15% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT
- 32% of alumni work in EDUCATION

Our alumni also work in fields such as media, libraries and archives, management, museums, and as researchers and consultants for industry.

"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

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**2018-19 thresholds**

**2.3 cGPA** AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE

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

**0.7 cGPA** PENDING LIST

min of C in HIST 1## or BISC 101

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: QUarts.com*
### 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. See the back page for specific courses to consider.
- 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.
- 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 CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

- Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).
- Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen's Model Parliament.
- 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.
- 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.

**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.
- 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.

### 2ND YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- 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.

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- If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USURF).
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### 3RD YEAR

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- 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 — for some ideas, see the back page.
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### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

- 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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**What will I learn?**

A degree in History can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- 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 articulate 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.