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.

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

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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MAJOR MAP

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.

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.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY
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 READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION
Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

2ND YEAR
START GOING DEEPER INTO THE DISCIPLINE OF HISTORY, WHILE CONSIDERING A MINOR AND/OR CERTIFICATE SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS, ATTEND DEGREE A 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.

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 — FOR SOME IDEAS, SEE THE BACK PAGE.

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).

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 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.

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 TSHEMOC AND QSES SCHOLARSHIPS IF APPLYING TO GRAD SCHOOL IN ONTARIO.

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