

History



Get to know HISTORY

The undergraduate program in History at Queen's provides students with exciting opportunities to critically explore the roots of contemporary societies throughout the world. You can explore such diverse areas as the Crusades, slavery and race relations, Native history in the Americas, the Russian Revolution, the problems of 20th century Canadian unity, the economic development of Africa, and the perception and treatment of women in North America. Our seminar-based program offers something hard to find these days — small classes where students and instructors discuss what they have read, what they think, and what they believe. With an emphasis on developing speaking, research and writing skills, a history degree provides a sound preparation for careers in education, law, public service, journalism, and business.

History courses at Queen's are divided into two types: lecture courses and seminars. Lecture courses with approximately 100 students introduce students to the broad contours of historical inquiry. Second-year seminars form a fundamental part of the program. Seminars are small, discussion-based classes of roughly 20 to 25 students. Seminars provide an opportunity to develop communication skills necessary to pursue the discipline at the graduate level or employment in the marketplace.

Degree PLANS

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Major / Medial / Minor in History, Liberal Studies, Medieval Studies, Jewish Studies
Internship option available

Online Bachelor of Arts (General)



We are a medium-sized department; small enough to preserve a sense of community, but large enough to offer a comprehensive range of courses.

Queen's **ADMISSION**

Students apply to Queen's Arts (QA) through the OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre) website (ouac.on.ca). Secondary School prerequisites include six 4U and 4M courses, including a minimum of three 4U courses, one of which must be ENG4U. Applicants outside of Ontario may have additional requirements. Visit queensu.ca/admission for additional information regarding requirements and admission to Queen's.

A Year to **CHOOSE**

We often say that our students are like explorers. In Arts and Science, your first year is all about making choices and exploring new paths. Whether you are in Arts, Science or Computing, you will choose your courses from a wide variety of subjects as you settle into university life and become familiar with new styles of learning. By the end of your first year, you will have discovered your areas of interest, passion and success, and will then declare your major. Your first year, whether you consider it to be undeclared, undecided or simply a time for exploration, is bound to be a year full of adventure.

Course **HIGHLIGHTS**

If specific time periods are your interest there are courses that cover every period such as The Crusades, Slavery in North America from the Colonial Era to 1865, or The Holocaust. If your interest is more regional there are course such as India and the World, Africa in the Modern World or The History of Sexuality in Canada. Medicine and history overlap with courses such as Health and Disease in Western Society, Historiography of Medicine, and Nobel Prize in Medicine: Who won it; Who didn't; and Why? Two of the most popular courses are the Queen's Archives Internship and the new Food in Global History.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.
That is a degree from Queen's. QUartsci.com

2017 - 2018 History MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, MEDIAL, MINOR



In SCIENCE?
Add History
as your MINOR.



CONSIDER A 12-16 MONTH QUIP INTERNSHIP

*This map is intended to provide suggestions for potential activities and career paths, but everyone's abilities, experience, and constraints are different. Build your own map using our online **My Major Map** tool.

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

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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, and Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



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Succeed in the workplace

What employers want

The Canadian Council of Chief Executives list the top 6 skills sought by employers as:

- 1 People skills
- 2 Communication skills
- 3 Problem-solving skills
- 4 Analytical abilities
- 5 Leadership skills
- 6 Industry-specific knowledge

Take the time to think about the unique skills you have developed at Queen's, starting with the skills list here for ideas. Explaining your strengths with compelling examples will be important for applications to employers and further education. For help, check out the [Career Services skills workshop](#).

What can I learn studying HISTORY?

- 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

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, the Kingston community has been a collection of bright minds. We are proud that our city was named one of the top [Intelligent Communities](#) across the globe, an accolade largely due to the thousands of students who study here every single year. In fact, the BBC has identified Kingston as one of the [GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS](#) in the world, which might be why Instagram named the city '[the happiest place on the planet](#)'. Just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York, Kingston is a safe and liveable city. Not only are we known as the [freshwater sailing capital of the world](#), Kingston is arguably the birthplace of hockey. Wondering what to do while you're attending school? Queen's has more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and Kingston has more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America; your time here is guaranteed to be 'fresh made daily'.

We're closer than you think.

