

HISTORY GUIDE 2024



WELCOME TO HISTORY

DEAR HISTORY STUDENTS,

We are thrilled that you have selected a History degree plan during plan selection this year and we look forward to welcoming you to the program in September!

This bulletin is a guide for the next three years of your Major or Joint Honours degree in History. It will help you to stay on track in your degree requirements by identifying important information and milestones, while highlighting exclusive opportunities available to you as a History student.

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- Key Milestones
 - *Next Steps:*
Selecting your **core seminar**
- Degree Plans
- Typical Plan Patterns
- History Opportunities (Internships, Research)
- Contacts and Academic Advising

KEY MILESTONES

END OF FIRST-YEAR

MAY – Declare History Major/Joint Honours Plan

JULY – Course registration for second year

- Review your Academic Progress Report on SOLUS while course planning
- **Late July:** Enrollment appointments open on SOLUS
 - **Enroll in one yearlong core seminar** (pg. 3)

END OF SECOND-YEAR

JULY – Course registration for third year

- Review your Academic Progress on SOLUS
- **Early July:** History's Advanced Course Selection
 - **Be sure to check your queensu.ca email in June/July for details**
- **Late July:** Enrollment appointments open on SOLUS

END OF THIRD-YEAR

MAY - JUNE – Review remaining degree requirements

- Schedule an appointment with an academic advisor in History at **hist.undergrad@queensu.ca** to make sure you're on track to satisfy your degree requirements by the end of fourth-year or use the online **Degree Quick Check Form**

JULY – Course registration for fourth year

- **Early July:** History's Advanced Course Selection
 - **Be sure to check your queensu.ca email in June/July for details**
- **Late July:** Enrollment Appointments open on SOLUS

Starting in **second year**, students are eligible to enroll in History's internship course: **HIST 212: Experiential Learning in Historical Practice.**

Starting in **third year**, students are eligible to apply for **History's Archives Internship Courses: HIST 501 and HIST 502.**

Students going into **fourth year** are eligible to apply for an **Independent Research** course in History: **HIST 514, 515, or 517.**



NEXT STEPS: CORE SEMINAR

2024 COURSE REGISTRATION: JULY 24 - AUG 6

During course registration this summer, all students who have declared a History Major or Joint Honours plan and are entering their second year of study **must enroll in a Core Seminar**. The Core Seminar is a yearlong course numbered from **HIST 300 to HIST 330** reserved for History Major and Joint Honours students. These small courses provide an in-depth training in historical methods and encourage active discussion among student peers and with instructors.

Students must receive a minimum grade of C+ in their Core Seminar in order to enroll in Upper-Year Seminars in third and fourth year. The Core Seminar is required to progress in a History degree, so make sure to enroll for 2024-2025!

QUICK TIPS:

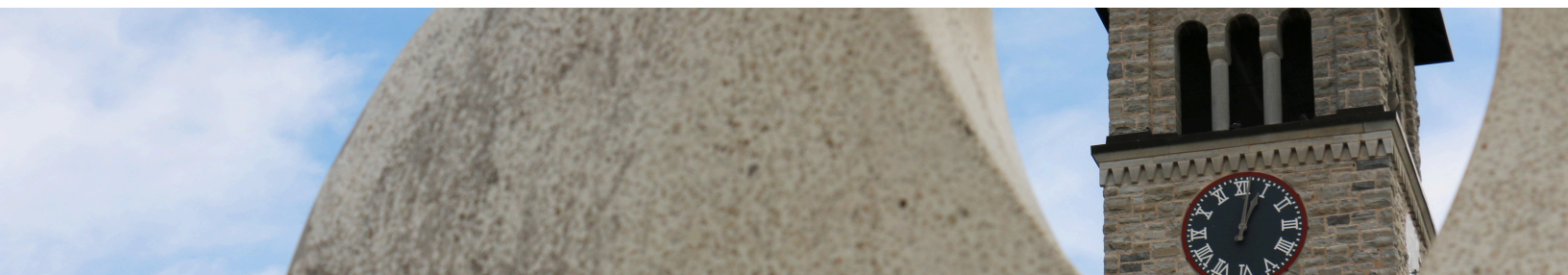
Enrolling in a Core Seminar can be competitive

When your enrollment appointment begins, **enroll in your core seminar first** before any electives to ensure you have the best chance at securing a seat in your top choice.



Explore the 2024-2025 Core Seminars now

Click here to explore next year's core seminar offerings and visit the Department of History website, where you can read about the courses and learn more about your future instructors!



HISTORY DEGREE PLANS

MAJOR PLAN: 120 UNITS TOTAL

60-units of History courses (below) + 60 units (minor/electives)

1. Core Requirements: 30 units		
Core A	6.0 units	HIST at the 100 level or BADR 100/3.0 or BADR 101/3.0
Core B	6.0 units	HIST 300-330/6.0
Core C	18.0 units	HIST 333-499/3.0
2. Option Requirements: 30 units		
Option A	15.0 units	HIST at the 200 level
Option B	9.0 units	HIST at the 200 level or HIST at the 500 level
Option C	6.0 units	HIST at the 100 or 200 level or HIST_Sub
3. Additional Requirements	6.0 units	Minimum 6.0 units of the above requirements must be Canadian History courses

JOINT HONOURS PLAN: 120-UNITS TOTAL

42-units of History courses (below) + 42 units of another Joint Honours + 36 units of electives

1. Core Requirements: 24 units		
Core A	6.0 units	HIST at the 100 level or BADR 100/3.0 or BADR 101/3.0
Core B	6.0 units	HIST 300-330/6.0
Core C	12.0 units	HIST 333-499/3.0
2. Option Requirements: 18 units		
Option A	6.0 units	HIST at the 200 level
Option B	6.0 units	HIST at the 200 level or HIST at the 500 level
Option C	6.0 units	HIST at the 100 or 200 level or HIST_Sub
3. Additional Requirements	6.0 units	Minimum 6.0 units of the above requirements must be Canadian History courses



TYPICAL PLAN PATTERNS

HISTORY MAJOR

Year 1	Two 3-unit 100-level History courses
Year 2	Core seminar (HIST 300-330); and 9-12 units of 200-level lecture classes (HIST 200-299)
Year 3	6-9 units of upper-year seminars (HIST 333-499); and 9-12 units of 200-level classes
Year 4	9-12 units of upper-year seminars (HIST 333-499); and 6-9 units of 200-level classes (HIST 200-299)

HISTORY JOINT HONOURS

Year 1	Two 3-unit 100-level History courses
Year 2	Core seminar (HIST 300-330); and 6-9 units of 200-level lecture classes (HIST 200-299)
Year 3	6 units of upper-year seminars (HIST 333-499); and 6 units of 200-level classes (HIST 200-299)
Year 4	6 units of upper-year seminars (HIST 333-499); and 3-6 units of 200-level classes (HIST 200-299)



OPPORTUNITIES IN HISTORY

History Major and Joint Honours students have the option to undertake independent research courses as well as experience-based learning in a variety of internships.

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Undergraduate students can work on an independent research project under the supervision of a faculty member in one of History's independent research courses. Applications are due in the summer before the student's fourth year, or in November of fourth year for winter-term projects. In these courses, students can expand upon a research paper that was written for an upper-year seminar course, explore a new topic they didn't get the chance to study during their classes, or pursue an independent reading program while on exchange. Learn more on the **Independent Research Page**.

Courses:

- **HIST 514/3.0: Independent Research Paper**
- **HIST 515/6.0: Independent Research Paper**
- **HIST 517/3.0: Independent Study Project** (for students studying abroad)

INTERSHIPS

Experiential learning courses provide students with an opportunity to apply their rich academic background in history in a practical professional context. HIST 212 offers a wide variety of placements with local, national, and international partners, while HIST 501/502 offer students the opportunity to work in the Queen's Archives.

Courses:

- **HIST 212/3.0: Experiential Learning in Historical Practice (single-term)**
- **HIST 501/6.0: Queen's Archives Internship (full-year)**
- **HIST 502/3.0: Queen's Archives Internship (single-term)**

Learn more about History's experiential learning opportunities and how to apply on the **Department of History website**. Hear from past students in the **HIST 212: Experiential Learning in Historical Practice Blog**.



ACADEMIC ADVISING IN HISTORY

PATH - PEER ADVISING TEAM IN HISTORY

PATH is a team of dedicated upper-year History students who are excited to support their peers by answering your questions and sharing their experiences as History students at Queen's. As a 2nd-year student, **book an appointment with PATH** to learn more about what upper-year courses are like, how to choose your courses, and how to succeed in a History degree. Students can book a virtual or in-person appointment with a PATH advisor from September through April.

Interested in becoming a PATH advisor?

The Department accepts applications in June each year!

UNDERGRADUATE ASSISTANT

The Undergraduate Assistant provides year-round advisement to future and current History students. If you have questions on the History program, course registration, degree requirements, or planning for exchange, contact **Alex** at **hist.undergraduate@queensu.ca** or **book a virtual or in-person appointment**.

QUESTIONS?

The Department of History website has information on courses, careers, academic resources, awards, degree plans, study abroad, and more. We circulate a monthly e-newsletter via email to all History students which contains important and timely information on department events, announcements, calendar milestones, and opportunities (jobs, internships, publishing opportunities, etc.). **Please review the monthly bulletin to ensure you don't miss any important information!**

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