

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN: SPECIAL EDITION

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS



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Dear Student,

This short bulletin will reach you at the end of the fall term, just in time for the holidays! We hope your first semester in university has been rewarding and enriching. As the semester comes to an end and you start thinking of the year ahead, the information in this bulletin will help you learn more about the exciting opportunities that the Department of History offers.

The **Undergraduate Program in History** at Queen's offers a unique learning experience that leaves our **graduates** with a deep insight into the roots of the contemporary world. A degree in History involves training in historical thinking with an emphasis on analysis, critical thinking, research, communication, and writing skills, which in turn prepare our students for a diverse range of **careers**, including law, education, public policy, business, museums, publishing, research, and media.

Seminars

Our Major and Medial students cherish the learning environment of small seminar classes where we collectively debate and discuss the finer points of historical scholarship. Students in their second year enroll in a yearlong **core seminar** that provides training in the discipline's foundational skills. In their upper years, students enroll in six term-long seminars (four for Medial students) to engage in advanced historical practice. Our mid-sized department and small seminar classes offer a supportive and welcoming atmosphere where the students can get to know the professors and participate in numerous departmental events and opportunities. Explore History's course offerings on our website.

Research

A degree in History also offers the opportunity to engage in **independent historical research**. In their upper years, Major and Medial students can enroll in research courses and conduct historical research under the supervision of a faculty member. Many who eventually apply to graduate school or choose a career in education profit from the rich learning experience that these independent courses provide. Learn more about independent research opportunities in History on our website.

Internships

The Department of History offers various **internship opportunities** as early as the second year to expand the educational experience outside the classroom. We understand that career development and exploration are essential for your undergraduate degree to gain experience and apply the skills you have learned in the classroom. Our internship opportunities include museums, academic publishing, libraries and archives, research, teaching, and marketing. Students can also arrange their own internship placements and receive course credit while pursuing an intellectual passion. For more information, please visit our website or contact hist.undergrad@queensu.ca.

Get Involved

The History department has a lively undergraduate community that offers students many opportunities to be involved in student leadership, social events, and networking opportunities.

We offer a peer-advising program called the **Peer Advising Team in History (PATH)**, where upper-year students offer advising appointments to first-year students and answer questions about declaring a History degree. You can learn more about PATH by visiting our website, or book an appointment.

The undergraduate Department Student Council (DSC) is the heart of our undergraduate community. The DSC fosters an inclusive community for History students by hosting social and academic events to connect students across the program. The DSC hires several positions each September; it is a great way to get involved with student leadership at Queen's. To learn more about the DSC, follow them on Instagram [@quhistory](https://www.instagram.com/quhistory).

Alex Geris is History's Undergraduate Program Assistant and provides academic advisement for all current and future History students. We encourage you to email us with your questions, and stay tuned for more updates and information very soon.

All the best, and Happy Holidays,
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