

# DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

UNDERGRADUATE BULLETIN | FIRST YEAR STUDENT EDITION

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## Plan Selection

MAY 16-27TH, 2022

Plan Selection is the process of selecting an area of study that you wish to pursue for your degree by declaring a Major or Medial plan in a particular discipline, like History! It is optional to add a Minor plan to your degree. All first-year students who have completed 24.0 units of courses must declare a plan during the Plan Selection period, **May 16th - 27th**.

In History, students in Major or Medial plans get to choose from a wide variety of courses that take the form of **lectures** and **seminars**. Alongside these courses, our students have the option to undertake **independent research** courses as well as **experience-based learning** in a variety of internships.

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# History Acceptance Requirements

## WHAT DO I NEED TO BE ACCEPTED TO A HISTORY PLAN?

For a **History Major** degree plan, you need:

- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- 3.0 units of 100-level History (or BISC 100 or BISC 101)
- A minimum grade of C in your 100-level History course

For a **History Medial** degree plan, you need:

- 3.0 units of 100-level History (or BISC 100 or BISC 101)
- A minimum grade of C in your 100-level History course
- ...and to do a bit more research! Medial plans are partnerships between two departments, which means the requirements vary for different medial combinations. See a full list of requirements under "What does it take to be accepted to a Plan."

For a **History Minor** degree plan, you need:

- Cumulative GPA of 1.9 or higher
- 3.0 units of 100-level History (or BISC 100 or BISC 101)
- A minimum grade of C-

If you do not meet these requirements but wish to declare a History degree plan, please contact [hist.undergrad@queensu.ca](mailto:hist.undergrad@queensu.ca) to discuss alternative pathways to declaring a History degree.

*Hear from  
current History  
students:*

Join the History  
Department Student  
Council at **Majors Night  
on February 10th, 2022.**

Ask the **Peer Advising  
Team in History (PATH)**  
about upper year  
courses, internship  
opportunities, and what  
it's like to be a History  
student at their **virtual  
Drop-in-Session on  
Thursday, February  
17th.**







## Frequently Asked Questions:

- **WHAT IS A SEMINAR?**

History seminars are small classes (fewer than 25 students) that are only available to History Majors and Medials to encourage active discussion among student peers and with instructors. Students value the small learning environment where they can collectively debate and discuss the finer points of historical scholarship with their colleagues and strengthen their communication skills. All Majors and Medials must complete a yearlong **core seminar (HIST 300-330)** before they can take upper year seminars.

- **WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HISTORY DEGREE?**

A degree in History fosters research, communication, and analytic skills and provides our students with a strong foundation for careers in many occupations. Explore the career paths of real History alumni in our **Alumni Archives Podcast**.

Archival Science, Business Administration, Education, Legal Professions, Library Science, Museum Curator, Government, NGOs, Journalism, and more!

- **DOES HISTORY OFFER INTERNSHIPS?**

Yes! There are **four** internship courses offered to History Majors and Medials that offer placements with both local and international organizations. Visit the **Experiential Learning** page for more information and to learn how to apply.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISTORY STUDENTS:

Choose from a wide variety of **COURSES**

Build practical skills in an **INTERNSHIP**

**STUDY ABROAD** to gain a global perspective

Dive into your own **INDEPENDENT RESEARCH** topic

Need a student perspective? Meet with a **PATH** advisor

Connect with History students through the  
**DEPARTMENT STUDENT COUNCIL** and the **WATSON BLOG**