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All first-year students who have completed at least 24-units must declare a degree plan during Plan Selection from **May 17 to May 28, 2021**. All students must declare a Major or Medial degree that they will work towards throughout their degree. It is optional to declare a minor.

Students in the Major and Medial plans combine lecture courses and small seminar classes. Alongside taught courses, students have the option to undertake independent research courses as well as experience-based learning in a variety of internships.



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

To be accepted to a **History Major Degree Plan**, you need:

- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
- Complete 3.0-units of HIST 1XX (any 100 level HIST course) with a minimum final grade of C

To be accepted to a **History Minor/General Degree Plan**, you need:

- Cumulative GPA of at least 1.9
- Complete 3.0-units of HIST 1XX (any 100 level HIST course) with a minimum grade of C-
- Note: very few on-campus students declare a History General. If you think this plan may be right for you, please book an Academic Advising appointment by emailing hist.undergrad@queensu.ca

To be accepted to a **History Medial Degree plan**, you need:

- to do a bit more research! But we're here to help!
- Medial plans are partnerships between two departments which means the thresholds vary slightly for different medial degree combinations
- A full list of all Medial thresholds is available here, under "What it takes to be accepted to a plan."

If you do not meet these requirements but wish to declare a history degree plan, please contact hist.undergrad@queensu.ca to discuss alternative pathways to declaring a history degree.



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WHAT IS A SEMINAR?

History seminars are small classes, limited to fewer than 25 students, and 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.

The Department of History offers two types of seminars:

1) Core Seminars: HIST 300-330
(typically taken in the 2nd year)

2) Upper-Level Seminars: HIST 333-499 (typically taken in years 3 and 4)

You must receive a minimum grade of C+ in your core seminar to be able to enroll in upper-level seminars!

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HISTORY DEGREE?

A degree in History fosters research, communication, and analytical skills and provides our students with a strong foundation for careers in many occupations. Recent graduates have found employment in a wide variety of professions, including:

Archival Science, Business Administration, Education, Genealogical Research, Intelligence Analysis, Legal Professions, Library Science, Museum Curator, Policy Analyst, Public Administration, Technical Writing, Government, Journalism/Reporting, International Relations, NGOs

Listen to The Alumni Archives podcast to learn about the careers of History Alumni. Recent episodes include Rebecca Finley-Schidlowsky (Management Consulting) and Mike McNair (Business & Politics).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISTORY STUDENTS

COURSES

INTERNSHIPS

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PATH (Peer Advising Team in History)

DSC (Department Student Council)

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