HISTORY

History allows us to understand the complex forces that have shaped our world. Whether studying war or revolution, the Americas or Africa, sport or sexuality, history helps us understand the contemporary world and our place in it. Our diverse courses invite you to approach the past from many different angles. Some focus on the world's major countries and regions, while others examine topics such as sexuality, the environment, animals, childhood, or war and society. Course assignments are diverse. Students might write a research essay using materials from Library and Archives Canada, record a podcast, prepare a briefing note, create a piece of historical fiction, design an interactive online map, or digitize a medieval manuscript.

PUBLIC HISTORY CONCENTRATION carleton.ca/history/undergraduate/concentration-in-public-history

The Public History Concentration provides undergraduate students with new learning and training opportunities, allowing them to explore how the past is connected to the present and how history appears in our everyday lives. As part of the Concentration, students examine how history is present in local communities, in museums and monuments, and in television shows, video games, and music videos. In the process, students develop skills in oral history, digital history, storytelling, historical research, and community engagement.

CO-OP AND PRACTICUM

Students can gain valuable work experience through either the Co-op program or practicum placements. Students doing the Co-op option complete three paid work terms, while the practicum course allows students to earn academic credit for projects done for an employer. Recent placements have taken students to the Canadian War Museum, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Library and Archives Canada, and the Canadian Museum of History. These paid or for-credit placements allow students to build skills and experience and develop professional networks in diverse fields.

THE HISTORY UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY (HUgS)

The History Undergraduate Society (HUgS) is a social group for Carleton history majors, minors, and other like-minded history buffs. They hold regular events from movie and trivia nights to homework support workshops. Join HUgS to connect with your fellow students, make new friends, and get the most out of your time with the History Department.

“From broad sweeping surveys of particular nation-states that covered centuries of history, to specific inquiries centered on a single moment in time, the History program's course offerings positioned momentous events, the development of important ideas, and leading personalities within a broader constellation of political impetuses, economic realities, and social change. As a former history student with skills in critical thinking, research, and expressing my thinking verbally and in writing, I now have a wide variety of skills that I can flex in response to the kinds of career paths I choose to follow.

Emilie Lanthier, History graduate
Skills you’ll acquire:

• Acquire knowledge and understanding of the events, people, and ideas of the past, and how they have shaped the world
• Recognize the complexity of human experience across cultures and time periods
• Gather, evaluate, and interpret sources, including texts, visual images, and digital sources
• Evaluate and form arguments that draw on historical evidence and argument
• Acquire ability to write clear, well-organized reports and essays that synthesize evidence and arguments from many sources
• Evaluate materials from the past with attention to perspective, context, and meaning
• Discuss and present arguments orally, in writing, and in digital media
• Collaborate with others to produce written documents, oral presentations, and digital media that explore historical issues

Career paths you can follow:

• Historical Researcher
• Librarian
• Foreign Service Officer
• Museum Curator
• Lawyer
• Marketing Analyst
• Analyst in Public Policy or National Security
• Elementary or High School Teacher
• Digital Historian
• Corporate or Government Archivist