



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

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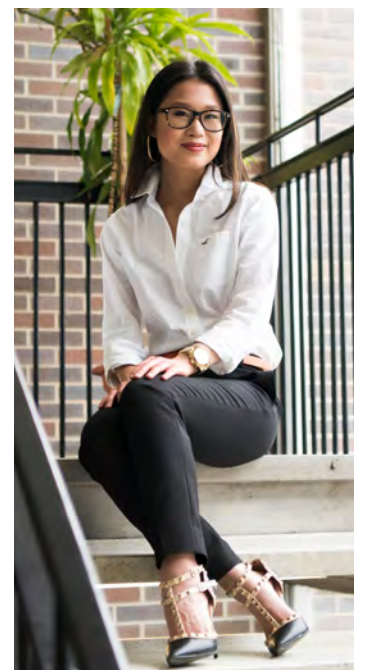
The Public History Concentration provides undergraduate students with new learning and training opportunities, allowing them to explore how the past is connected to the present and how history appears in our everyday lives. As part of the Concentration, students examine how history is present in local 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.

“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



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.



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To assist you in navigating your degree by highlighting various planning tips, along with academic and co-curricular experiences that promote discovery. You also have access to a range of services at Carleton to further assist you in navigating your time at the university to get the most out of your experience. For more information on the services available please consult students.carleton.ca

MAJOR MAP

History

YEAR ONE

Begin your studies with one required credit in history. Choose either a First Year Seminar in History (1405) or 1000-level lecture courses in Canadian, European, or world history.

First Year Seminars are small classes that allow you to explore diverse topics, collaborate with other students, and work closely with a professor. They help you make the transition to university.

Explore other areas of interest by taking electives from other departments. Keep your breadth requirement in mind as you select courses.

Attend Academic Orientation Day to kick off your university experience and learn more about the History department.

Search through the Co-Curricular Record (CCR) database to explore opportunities beyond the classroom and track your accomplishments.

Get involved with your peers through the History Undergraduate Student Society (HUGS).

Attend Expo Carleton in the fall to learn more about clubs, societies and opportunities outside of the classroom.

Did you know that some jobs and graduate programs have language requirements? Consider studying a modern or heritage language as an elective.

Participate in a summer language and cultural program administered through the International Student Services Office (ISSO).

Look into the various workshops offered by Carleton's Career Services or speak to the Career Services staff to explore how your interests are linked to potential jobs.

Explore the skills you will develop during your History degree on the Your Degree, Your Future website.

YEAR TWO

Explore historical areas more deeply as you complete your 2.0 – 3.0 required credits in History, and make sure to enrol in HIST 2809 Historian's Craft.

Review the program requirements to ensure you are on track by scheduling an appointment with the undergraduate administrator.

Consider beginning the concentration in Public History.

If you enjoyed another subject in first year, consider declaring a Minor in it or pursuing a Combined Honours degree.

Use the mySuccess portal to explore on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities and other career events.

Interested in teaching? Apply for the Students as Partners Program to work with a professor on course design and development.

Apply to the co-op option in History to earn 3 semesters of paid work experience.

Reach out to a professor and apply for a funded research position through I-CUREUS.

Gain valuable community-based experience by engaging with a local organization to support a variety of initiatives through the Community Partnership Project.

Interested in studying abroad for a semester or a year? Review your options for an international exchange with one of Carleton's 175 partner institutions. Consider talking to either the undergraduate supervisor or undergraduate administrator about your plans.

Considering further education? Attend the graduate school and education fair to learn about different programs and admission requirements.

Get advice and guidance from a professional in a field that interests you through the alumni mentors program.

YEAR THREE

Meet with either the undergraduate administrator or the undergraduate supervisor to ensure you are fulfilling your program requirements for graduation.

Ensure you are on track to complete your field requirement in History.

Take either HIST 3810 or HIST 3820 to satisfy your requirement in historical theory.

Complete a practicum (HIST 3807) and spend the semester working as an historian in a museum, public institution, or other workplace in Ottawa.

Do you have high grades and an interest in doing independent research? Apply to the FASS Undergraduate Summer Research Internship program for a summer stipend to pursue your own research under the supervision of a professor.

Become a FASS Ambassador and assist the History Department with a variety of events and initiatives throughout the academic year.

Apply for a position through the International Internship Program to work internationally while gaining professional experience.

Engage with a meaningful community identified project abroad with an alternative spring break organized by the Student Experience Office (SEO).

Participate in the job shadowing program to experience firsthand a career area of interest.

Keep an eye out for career fairs happening on campus in the fall and winter semesters.

YEAR FOUR

Complete the 2.0 required credits in fourth-year seminars.

Considering graduate school? Attend an information session on applying to graduate school during the fall semester or schedule an appointment with the undergraduate supervisor.

Enhance your leadership skills by supporting first year students transition to Carleton or present at the annual SOAR conference.

Deepen your knowledge by attending a lecture in the History department's Shannon Lectures series.

Apply to the International Partnership Program to engage in project-based development programs and foster cross-cultural awareness.

Support first year students as they transition to Carleton as a First Year Connections Mentor.

Contact Career Services to help you with job search and networking strategies, job applications, or preparing for interviews.

Review application deadlines for graduate school programs.

Apply for future job opportunities of interest through mySuccess.

Plan your academic path

Build skills and discover interests

Engage locally and globally

Prepare for life after graduation

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