

# Undergraduate History



Historians research, analyze and interpret the past. They use many sources of information in their research, including government and institutional records, newspapers and other periodicals, photographs, interviews, films, and unpublished manuscripts such as personal diaries and letters. Historians usually specialize in a country or region, a particular period, or a particular field, such as social, intellectual, cultural, political, or diplomatic history. Other historians help study and preserve archival materials, artifacts, and historic buildings and sites. The study of history, like any effort that promotes critical thinking and careful judgment, prepares its practitioners for any number of careers, including government, law, teaching, politics, museum curator, park ranger, and journalism.

## At Ottawa University

Explore the impact of past events on vital contemporary problems. Synthesize the study of past human activity with the nature, purpose and principles of governmental systems throughout the world. History majors at Ottawa University will develop an understanding of public events and trends in both national and international spheres. Courses will explore the interrelationships between society and the environment, issues of war and peace, and movements for social and political change.

## Careers

History graduates apply their solid critical-thinking and problem-solving skills to careers such as teaching, research, law, information specialist, intelligence agent, museum curator, archivist, and more. They might even find themselves studying ancient civilizations across the globe.

## Education and Qualifications

Numerous local museums, historical societies, government agencies, non-profit and other organizations offer internships or volunteer research opportunities. Archaeological field schools instruct future anthropologists, archaeologists and historians in how to excavate, record, and interpret historical sites and typically require a bachelor degree or higher.

## Required Major Courses

### HPS 10153 World Regional Geography

Survey of the developed and developing regions of the world, emphasizing regional differentiation, as well as concepts of location, place, human environment interaction, and cultural diffusion.

### HPS 11053 American Experience I

Introduces the study of American history and its cultural, intellectual, political, economic, religious, racial, and diplomatic topics. Emphasis on development of the country from discovery through Reconstruction.

### HPS 13053 American Experience II

Uses principle theme of the development of United States since reconstruction. Examines political, economic, social, and cultural development.

### HPS 25353 World Civilization I

Introduces historical study of the beginnings and development of human culture and institutions, western and non-western. Basic introduction to historical study.

### HPS 25453 World Civilization II

Examines development of civilization, western and non-western, in the modern era. Analysis of political, economic and cultural revolutions that have created contemporary culture and its tensions.

### HPS 34354 Seminar in American History and Government I

Examines a selection of readings and topics on American history and government. Common theme, assigned readings and individual projects required. Inquire in advance for information on selected topics. Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing and one course in history or political science.

### HPS 49400 Global Issues in Historical Perspective

Capstone course that guides student in development of an integrative project that demonstrates achievement of learning outcomes in the History major. Integrates knowledge in the political, cultural, economic, social, geographic, and global aspects of historical study. May be taken as an elective.

## Choose minimum of 12 semester credit hours from the following courses:

### HPS 30251 United States Constitution

Overview of the history of the United States Constitution to establish a foundation of understanding.

### HPS 30953 American Women's History

Surveys women's history in America from pre-colonial history to the present and explores the intersections of race, class, and ethnicity in structuring women's lives today.

### HPS 31053 Ethnicity in American History

Considers the histories of a variety of immigrant groups arriving in the United States from colonial settlement through the twentieth century and examines issues of nativism, patterns of acculturation and assimilation, and adjustment to the American economic and political systems, religious experiences, and other issues connected to the ongoing adaptation to life in the U.S.

### HPS 31453 Religion in American Culture

Examines the prominent place of religion in this religiously pluralistic country. Explores institutional and non-institutional developments with Protestantism, Catholicism, Judaism, and Islam. The course concludes with an examination of religion and material culture.

### HPS 31654 Twentieth Century World History

Course focuses on the history of Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa in the twentieth century. Course will address globalization and consequences, colonization versus nationalism, militarization, collective security, and the effects of technology on nations. Students will assess the consequences of global, regional and civil wars throughout the century and the subsequent shift in influence to emerging nations.

