



FACULTY OF ARTS

HISTORY

History is the study of past individuals and groups, processes and events, and ideas and institutions.

Historians care for and interpret the past by examining a variety of evidence from written, oral, material, and visual sources. We attempt to understand change by paying close attention to the complexities and injustices of the past. As a history student, you will explore lives of figures whose work has stimulated large scale and permanent change in the way that we think about the world around us. You will also study the everyday experiences of people who worked to secure their own livelihoods and shape their own destinies. Our courses will offer opportunities to study inter-cultural encounters and how different societies at different times thought about race, gender, and class. You will be encouraged to think critically about the historical legacies of colonization and decolonization, as well as other forms of oppression and resistance.

The department offers a wide range of courses across time and space but has particular strengths in:

- Canadian History
- History of Medicine and Science
- Indigenous History
- World History
- History of Art
- Oral History

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)**. Students taking an undergraduate degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in History as a secondary area of interest. We also offer a joint Master's program with the University of Manitoba – *see separate factsheet*.

SAMPLE CAREERS

The skills students develop -- reading, document review, synthesis, writing, public speaking, interviewing, time-management -- are invaluable in all workplaces and especially in business, law, government, journalism, and non-governmental organizations. Some graduates put their historical knowledge to work as teachers or professional researchers while others find employment in museums, libraries, or archives.

SAMPLE COURSES

- History of the Metis in Canada
- Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust
- Islam and the West
- Soviet Union and Post-Soviet Russia
- Women, Art and Society
- History of Madness and Psychiatry

Experiential Learning: Students have access to a variety of learning experiences beyond the traditional classroom. Recent examples include a two-week intensive field course (near Riding Mountain National Park) on traditional Indigenous material culture, a course on Winnipeg's food history involving food preparation and oral histories with restaurateurs, a course where students experience South Asian history and culture

in Winnipeg, and practica at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, and the Manitoba Museum.

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

Two courses from the department’s 1000-level offerings – see *chart below*. You can also satisfy the ICR – the Indigenous Course Requirement by choosing one of the ICR courses.

RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or other section of Academic Writing (if required)
21-24 credit hours Electives, depending on interest (TIP: HIST-2900/6 History of Science satisfies the University’s Science Requirement.)

Non-ICR Credit	ICR Credit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIST-1014 Europe and the Mediterranean World to 1700 • HIST-1012 The Worlds of Asia and Africa to 1750 • HIST-1011 Cross Currents in Global Art • HIST-1013 The Worlds of Asia and Africa since 1750 • HIST-1015 The Atlantic World: Europe and the Americas, 1700-1989 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIST-1006 Indigenous History to 1900: Origins, Contact, Colonialism • HIST-1007 Indigenous History since 1900: Racism, Resistance, Renewal • HIST-1008 Colonial Genocides and Indigenous History

NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.

“The UWinnipeg History department felt like home. Class sizes were small, which allowed me to get to know my peers and my professors, and feel comfortable in class. This helped me to build confidence, ask questions, and contribute to class discussions, in turn significantly improving how well I understood course content.”

-Sarah Reilly, BA (Honours) and MA in History, teacher at Maples Collegiate

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg’s general admission requirements. No specific courses required.

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit: uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where the University’s

Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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