



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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History

History is the study of the past, including people, groups, institutions, and events.

Historians examine a variety of evidence from written, oral, and visual sources to help them interpret the past. As a student of history, you will explore the careers of major figures, like Galileo, Gandhi, Hirohito, and Stalin, who have contributed to world affairs. You will also study the everyday experiences of men and women who have worked to secure their own livelihoods. Besides major conflicts, from the Peloponnesian War in ancient Greece to the Second World War and the Cold War, you may study the history of institutions like the family and changes in the relationships between men and women, parents, and children.

You will examine controversial issues such as the history of attempts to give racism a scientific justification, the struggle for economic and social justices, the construction of masculine and feminine genders, and the collapse of the Soviet Union. You will study the rise of liberal democracy in Western Europe, the origins of constitutional government in Canada, its global expansion, and its contact with indigenous people and cultures in the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

Historians use insights they gain from their study to evaluate the achievements of the past, to understand the complexities of the present, and to anticipate the challenges of the future. The study of history will help you to improve your ability to evaluate evidence and to present your interpretations of it in clear and logical written and oral arguments.

The University of Winnipeg's History Department offers courses designed to lead you, in stages, to an understanding of the historian's craft and the historical process. You will begin your studies with an Introductory History course and then select courses from areas of interest.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4-year, or Honours)**.

After completing an undergraduate degree, students may continue on to the History Department's Joint Master's program. This program is offered by The University of Winnipeg in cooperation with the University of Manitoba.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Most history graduates find the skills they have developed in critical analysis, report writing, and small group discussion valuable in business, law, government, and journalism. Some become teachers while others find employment in museums, libraries, or archives.

SAMPLE COURSES

An Introduction to History is a first-year course that explains the ways in which people attempt to understand their present by studying their past and how they communicate their insights to others. Students develop skills that facilitate independent judgments of the past and its impact on the present. The course content varies from section to section. Students may choose from a list of sections on a variety of themes, including Ancient and Modern Conflicts, Ideas and History, Canadian Social History, and Disease in History.

The 20th Century World is a second-year course that offers a historical approach to the characteristic problems, new or inherited, of the 20th century. Topics include industrialism, nationalism, balance of power, and racial conflict.

History of Winnipeg is a third-year course that examines the history of Winnipeg from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. The lectures and seminars focus on the industrial, social, political, and cultural history of the city and explore this past within the context of the history of Western Canada.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

Asia and the Modern World
Early Modern Political Thought
Einstein, Relativity, and Quantum Physics
Europe in the Middle Ages
Historical Perspectives on Women in Canada
History of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada

Mennonites in Latin America
Modern Africa
Personalities and Modern Revolution
Russia Since 1939
Women in the Renaissance

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...

"I decided to attend The University of Winnipeg because it had small class sizes and a great reputation. In the History Department, I discovered professors who were doing interesting research, who encouraged me to do primary research, and who sparked my interest in continuing my studies." - *Heather Nelson (BA Hons. '99 History; MA '01 History) completed The University of Winnipeg/University of Manitoba Joint Master's Program in History, and holds a PhD program at McMaster University.*

DID YOU KNOW?

- If you're interested in becoming a teacher, History can be used as a teachable major or minor in the Education program.
- History students have opportunities to work alongside professors to conduct historical research.
- Our most experienced professors teach first year courses. These small first year courses include components of lecture, seminar, and in-class discussion.

HISTORY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Belonging to the History Student Association is a great way to meet other students and professors. The Association plans various events throughout the year (including a Fall Mixer, socials, an annual historically-themed Feast, and a noon-hour lecture series), and meets in the History Common Room, located on the third floor of Ashdown Hall.

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

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.

HIST-1010(6) An Introduction to History

RHET-1101(3) Academic Writing: Humanities or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

21 credit hours Electives, depending on interest. Examples are first-year courses such as Anthropology, Classics, Conflict Resolution Studies, English, Environmental Studies, International Development Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, or Women's and Gender Studies

Some Arts students take courses to fulfil the University's Science Requirement in their first year. See The University of Winnipeg's Course Calendar for a complete list of options.

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Students must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses are required.

HOW TO APPLY – Domestic Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca or pick up an Application for Admission from your high school counsellor's office or the Admissions Office at The University of Winnipeg. To meet Scholarship deadline submit your application and \$80 application fee by **March 1st**.

HOW TO APPLY – International Student

Apply online at uwinnipeg.ca/index/intl-apply and submit all official documents by mail. To meet Scholarship deadline submit application, fee, and documents by **March 1st**. International application fee is \$100, which includes a one-time courier fee.

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