



## Bachelor of Arts, 4-Year Major in History

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### Program Planning Guide 2019/2020

#### Program Overview

A rich and varied program, the Bachelor of Arts with a Major in History, will take you on a voyage of discovery which spans the origins of human civilization to the present day. After completing a core course on the History of Western Thought and foundation courses in Canadian and World History, students complete senior courses in the fields of North American, European, World, Intellectual and Social and Cultural History as well as Research Methods. In the final year, students complete a capstone course on the Historian's Craft and a major research project. The Major in History provides students with a broad understanding of the historical foundations and cultural dimensions of the world they live in and with the skills needed to uncover and analyze the events, processes and ideas which shape the past and to appreciate how an understanding of the past helps inform the present and the future. Through the in-depth study of change and continuity over time and place, students acquire an ability to look at the past from different angles and perspectives and to employ a variety of analytical tools and methods in interpreting human affairs and institutions.

Students in the program will have the opportunity to meet the following objectives through the History concentration requirements:

- establish a strong foundation in Canadian and World History;
- know and assess historical methods and theory;
- understand and apply different research methodologies and theoretical models used by historians;
- gain historical knowledge across regions and nations, time periods and approaches to the study of history through completion of North American History, European History, World History, Intellectual History and Social and Cultural History;
- critically evaluate secondary sources and engage in major historiographical debates;
- identify, analyze and interpret primary sources;
- analyze complex historical problems and synthesize insights from a variety of source materials;
- organize and report research and communicate findings through effective and persuasive arguments.

A History Major offers excellent training in processing information, research, the technique of critical investigation and the analysis of data and provides a platform of knowledge and skills which are highly desirable in many fields of employment, including management, law, journalism, public service, archives and museums, librarianship and teaching.

#### Admission

New students may apply directly to the program when they apply for admission. Current students may be admitted to the program by submitting a *Change of Program Form* to the Enrolment Services Office for processing.

#### Program Requirements

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have met the requirements for graduation and it is strongly recommended that they meet with an academic advisor on a regular basis throughout their program. They may do so by contacting [advising@stmu.ca](mailto:advising@stmu.ca).

This planning guide is designed to help students keep track of their progress in meeting degree requirements. Course descriptions may be found in the *St. Mary's University Calendar*.

**A. Liberal Arts Core (18 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 200A: *Literature in English from the Middle Ages to 1660* (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 200B: *Literature in English from 1660 to the Present* (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 200A: *History of Ideas: Antiquity to the Reformation* (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 200B: *History of Ideas: Scientific Revolution to 20th Century* (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL 351: *Ethics* (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ RLGS 205: *Reading Biblical Texts* (3 credits)

**B. Special Requirements (24 credits)**

- /   6 credits in a language other than English (may include LING 301)
- /   6 credits in the Humanities (ART, CLAS, DRAM, ENGL, FREN, INST, LATI, LING, MUSI, PHIL, RLGS, SPAN, THEO)
- /   6 credits in the Natural and Mathematical Sciences (ASTR, BCEM, BIOL, CHEM, CPSC 215, HMKM 205, MATH, PHYS, SCIE, STAT)
- /   6 credits in the Social Sciences **other than History** (ACCT, ECON, FMST, GEOG, MGST, POLI, PSYC, SOCI)

**C. History Requirements (48 credits)**

- /  /   9 credits in Foundations of History (HIST 201, 203, 205, 207)
- /   6 credits in North American History (HIST 341, 343, 347, 357, 363, 365)
- /   6 credits in European History (HIST 307, 321, 323, 329, 331, 335, 337)
- /   6 credits in World History (HIST 301, 305, 309, 327, 375, 377)
- /   6 credits in Intellectual History (HIST 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 339, 393, 397)
- /   6 credits in Social and Cultural History (HIST 303, 345, 349, 351, 353, 355, HIST 367, 395)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 391: *Public History: Memory and Method* (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 401: *The Historian's Craft* (3 credits)  
(to be taken in the final year of the program)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 403: *Major Project* (3 credits)  
(to be taken in the final year of the program)

**120-Credit Degree****Junior/Senior Requirements**

**72 credits** must be taken at the **300- or 400-level**.

**Directed Studies**

Students are allowed a **maximum of 9.0 credits hours** of directed studies in their degree program.

**Program Standing**

In order to remain in the program, you must maintain a cumulative **GPA of 2.0** and a cumulative **GPA of 2.3** in senior History courses. No more than one D or D+ in senior History courses. Students who do not meet these requirements may not graduate.

**Residence Requirement**

All students must complete at least **60 credits** at St. Mary's University. A minimum of 24 History credits including **HIST 391, HIST 401 and HIST 403 must be completed at StMU.**

**Graduation**

In your final year of study, an *Application to Graduate* must be submitted by October 1.

This guide is for your convenience only and should not replace the St. Mary's *University Calendar*, which is the final authority regarding degree program requirements and academic regulations.

**D. Minor Program Requirements (18 credits)** \*If not pursuing a minor, take 18 credits of electives.

- At least 9 credits of a minor must be taken at the 300 or 400 level
- At least 9 credits of a minor must be completed at St. Mary's University

**Minor** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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**E. Electives (12 credits)** \*be attentive to Jr./Sr. requirements

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**Minor Program Requirements**

Students must complete at least 18 credits, including at least 9 credits at the senior level.

**Biology**

BCEM 393	BIOL 315	BIOL 377	BIOL 417
BIOL 231	BIOL 317	BIOL 381	BIOL 431
BIOL 233	BIOL 331	BIOL 411	BIOL 433
BIOL 311	BIOL 341	BIOL 413	BIOL 441
BIOL 313	BIOL 375	BIOL 415	BIOL 451

**Canadian Studies**

ENGL 341	FREN 221	HIST 345	IDST 333	SOCI 371
ENGL 343	GEOG 381	HIST 347	INST 201	SOCI 393
ENGL 345	HIST 201	HIST 349	POLI 321	
ENGL 381.6	HIST 203	HIST 353	POLI 357	
ENGL 381.8	HIST 341	HIST 355	SOCI 327	
FREN 219	HIST 343	HIST 357	SOCI 343	

**Catholic Studies**

Students must complete all three of the following courses:

RLGS 201	RLGS 205	RLGS 301
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Plus, at least one of the following courses:

RLGS 321	RLGS 323	RLGS 331 (HIST 311)*	RLGS 333 (HIST 313)*
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Plus, at least two courses selected from the following, one of which must be at the senior level:

ART 201	ENGL 355	PHIL 395	RLGS 317	RLGS 335
ART 203	HIST 317	RLGS 203	RLGS 321	RLGS 363
ART 325	HIST 321	RLGS 305 (HIST 381)*	RLGS 323	SOCI 377
ART 405	HIST 335	RLGS 311	RLGS 325	
ENGL 303	HIST 349	RLGS 313	RLGS 331 (HIST 311)*	
ENGL 305	PHIL 345 (HIST 319)*	RLGS 315	RLGS 333 (HIST 313)*	*cross-listed courses

**Drama**

CLAS 323	DRAM 301	DRAM 403	ENGL 327	MUSI 205
DRAM 201	DRAM 303	DRAM 405	ENGL 371	MUSI 305
DRAM 203	DRAM 305	ENGL 313	*ENGL 397 or 399	MUSI 405
DRAM 205	DRAM 401	ENGL 315	HMKN 201	*if focus is on Drama

**English**

All ENGL courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in English, excluding the use of ENGL 465 and ENGL 401, but could also include the following courses, due to their strong focus on literature and the English language:

CLAS 321	CLAS 323	LING 301
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**Family Studies**

ENGL 391	FMST 411	PSYC 333	SOCI 303
FMST 301	HIST 351	PSYC 353	SOCI 327
FMST 303	HIST 353	PSYC 355	SOCI 371
FMST 401	PSYC 329	PSYC 361	

**Management**

ACCT 317	ECON 303	MGST 291	MGST 305
ACCT 319	ECON 337	MGST 301.0	MGST 321
ECON 201	ECON 373	MGST 301.1	MGST 331
ECON 203	MATH 211	MGST 301.2	
ECON 301	MATH 249 or 251	MGST 301.3	

**Philosophy**

All PHIL courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Philosophy.

**Political Studies**

All POLI courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Political Studies.

**Psychology**

All PSYC courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Psychology.

**Science Studies**

BCEM 393	BIOL 341	BIOL 431	CPSC 215	PSYC 475
BIOL 231	BIOL 375	BIOL 433	HMKN 205	SCIE 201
BIOL 233	BIOL 377	BIOL 441	MATH 211	SCIE 301
BIOL 311	BIOL 381	BIOL 451	MATH 249 or 251	STAT 213
BIOL 313	BIOL 411	CHEM 201	MATH 253	STAT 217
BIOL 315	BIOL 413	CHEM 203	PHYS 211	
BIOL 317	BIOL 415	CHEM 351	PHYS 223	
BIOL 331	BIOL 417	CHEM 353	PSYC 375	

**Sociology**

All SOCI courses are eligible to be counted towards a minor in Sociology.