

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)

HISTORY

History is the study of past worlds and how they have changed over time. It is a way of thinking about why past environments, societies, governments, and beliefs were different from and similar to our own. The Honors History program allows you to study with a small group of like-minded students, work closely with a professor, and write a major research project that you design.

OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Indigenous peoples
- Warfare and conflict
- Colonialism
- Ancient and medieval societies
- Environment
- Economics and labour
- Science, technology, and medicine
- Gender and culture
- Politics and nations
- Religious change

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. *Design your academic plan — you're in control!*

HISTORY HONORS COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Honors History students are allowed to take a higher number of History courses than those in the regular BA program. You also need to take at least three fourth-year History courses. These are very popular seminar courses.
- In your third year, you'll take History 500, which is a course exclusively for Honors History students.
- In your final year, you will research and write the History Honors essay, working closely with a professor in the department.
- History Honors students need to be able to read a language other than English. You can prove your ability by taking courses at the second-year level or by writing a translation exam.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HISTORY HONORS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... lawyer, politician, public servant, work for a non-profit organization, film or TV producer, journalist, editor, writer, high school teacher, museum director, historic site interpreter, university professor, archivist or librarian.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY HISTORY

- 1 History gives insight! As humans, we can understand our current situation by studying the conflicts, ideas, and relationships that shaped global societies over time.
- 2 Our students learn how to write effectively, do research, and think through complex problems.
- 3 Our History Honors students take a shared class and really get to know one another.
- 4 Employers are keen to hire folks able to uncover hidden information, draw connections between different kinds of evidence, and communicate those discoveries. Those are precisely the skills you develop in History courses, especially, while writing your major research project.
- 5 Our History professors are passionate and creative teachers, eager to help you explore and understand the past, and develop your skills as researchers, thinkers, and communicators.

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility resources
- Financial aid & awards
- Professional & career development
- Mental health supports

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ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE





CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

Do oral history interviews, or conduct hands-on research in an archive.

BA HONORS HISTORY DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

LEGEND

-  GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
-  GAIN EXPERIENCE
-  SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
-  NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.



Talk to your History Undergraduate advisor. They really want to meet you!



Take your two required Language Other than English courses.



Join the History and Classics Undergraduate Society.



Volunteer, travel, get a summer job, read! Reflect on what you're learning and practise self-care.



MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.



Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.



Start thinking about your Honors essay. What would you like to research?



Ask a History professor if they would be your Honors essay supervisor.



Become a student editor with Constellations, the undergraduate History and Classics journal.



Take your translation exam or take more language courses at the second-year level.



LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.



Go overseas one summer to study another language, do academic coursework, or do an internship.



Talk to a professor about applying to law school or graduate school.



Stay on track to graduate: complete a Program Check.



Apply for the Roger S. Smith award to fund summer research.

