

HISTORY

Department Website: <https://www.smu.ca/history/index.html> (<https://www.smu.ca/history/>)

Department Email: history@smu.ca

The study of the past involves mastering complex bodies of knowledge and questioning widely held assumptions. In an electronic age, the ability to carry out **research**, evaluate evidence, think creatively, write clearly and argue effectively is more essential than ever.

The History Department prides itself on offering students a wide variety of course topics and learning experiences. The expertise of the full-time faculty members extends across Asia, Canada, Brazil, Britain, Europe, Latin America and the United States of America. Many of our courses also contribute to other programs, such as Atlantic Canada Studies, Asian Studies, Global Development Studies, Irish Studies, The School of the Environment, Spanish and Latin American Studies, as well as Women and Gender Studies.

Graduates from Saint Mary's History Department have moved on to successful careers as lawyers, journalists, teachers, archivists, museum administrators, public servants, web designers, business leaders, teachers and university professors. Many of our students who have chosen to remain in academia have won prizes, fellowships, and research grants of their own.

Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) is a well-established, foundational degree and requires the requirements listed below alongside general graduation requirements (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/faculties/faculty-arts/bachelor-arts/>).

Major in History

To obtain a major in history, students must complete at least forty-two (42) credit hours in history, as follows:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	• Select six (6) credit hours but not more than twelve (12) at the 1000 level	
	• Select at least nine (9) credit hours at the 2000 level	
	• HIST 3000 The Discipline of History (3 credit hours)	
	• Select at least nine (9) other credit hours at the 3000 level (not including HIST 3000)	
	• Select at least six (6) credit hours at the 4000 level	

Note: A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 is required for courses designated for a major (see the general regulations concerning Arts Degree requirements).

All students majoring in history are strongly advised to take twelve (12) credit hours in a foreign language. In the case of students concentrating in Canadian history, French is specified as the recommended language.

Concentration in History

To obtain a concentration in History in partial fulfillment of the B.A. General degree (i.e., one with Double Arts Concentration):

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	• Select zero (0) to six (6) credit hours at the 1000 level	
	• Select at least six (6) credit hours at the 2000 level	
	• Select at least twelve (12) credit hours at the 3000 and 4000 level	

Further details are available from the chairperson.

Honours in History

All prospective honours students should refer to the section of this *Calendar* pertaining to honours degrees and apply to the Registrar for enrolment in that program after completing eighteen (18) credit hours or more of History courses.

To qualify for the honours program, students must obtain and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher as well as a cumulative grade point average in History courses of 3.30 or higher.

Applicants who are below either of these minimums may consult with the Honours Coordinator. Students must also achieve a grade of 3.30 or higher in Honours Seminar (HIST 4500).

To obtain an **honours** degree in History, students must:

- Satisfy the requirements of the major program;
- Select an additional three (3) credit hours at 2000 level or higher;
- Select an additional nine (9) credit hours at 4000 level; and
- Complete Honours Seminar (HIST 4500) (6 credit hours).

Minor in History

To satisfy the requirements for a Minor in History, students must complete at least twenty-four (24) credit hours in the field of study.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	• Select twelve (12) credit hours at 2000 level or higher	12
	• Select twelve (12) credit hours at any level	12

Minor in Applied History

Applied History explores the uses of history in everyday life as seen, for example, in films, on the internet, museums, heritage sites, archives, archeological digs, and public monuments. Students gain an understanding of the scholarly contributions of multiple disciplines. Courses within this minor emphasize the practical application of the study of history in the community with a focus on experiential learning. Students are provided with training and opportunities outside of the classroom with field trips to museums and monuments, within the digital humanities, and with new forms of media. The Applied History minor puts into practice the skills of understanding local, national, racial, gender and cultural identities through heritage sites, tourism and marketing.

An Applied History minor consists of at least twenty-four (24) credit hours:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
• Fifteen (15) credits in History		
• Nine (9) credits from an approved list of courses offered by Ancient Studies, Anthropology, and Geography. Students should consult each department's regulations regarding prerequisites.		

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Ancient Studies		
ANCS 1004	Introduction to Archaeological Method and Theory (formerly CLAS 1004)	3
ANCS 3610	Field Study in Archaeology (formerly CLAS 3610)	3
ANCS/HIST 3505	Museum Studies (formerly CLAS 3505)	3
ANCS 4610	Advanced Field Study in Archaeology (formerly CLAS 4610)	3
ANCS 4611	Advanced Material Culture (formerly CLAS 4611)	3
Anthropology		
ANTH 3373	Fieldwork in Archaeology	3
ANTH 3374	Archaeology Laboratory	3
ANTH 3379	The Archaeology of Acadia	3
ANTH 3573	Archaeology of Halifax	3
ANTH 3574	Public Archaeology	3
ANTH 3467	Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Archaeology	3
ANTH 4462	Method and Theory in Historical Archaeology	3
Geography		
GEOG 2312	Urban Geography (Group A)	3
GEOG 2349	Cultural Geography (Group A)	3
GEOG 4412	Urban History and Preservation (Group A)	3
GEOG 4449	Tourist Geographies (Group A)	3
History		
HIST 1000	Making History	3
HIST 2200	History of Media and Communications in Europe	3
HIST 2205	Introduction to Art History	3
HIST/ACST/ ENGL 2310	Rethinking Rural Nova Scotia	3
HIST/ACST 2311	Inheriting Atlantic Canada: The Cultural Past	3
HIST 3403	Canadian Identity and Public Memory	3
HIST 3417	War and Memory in the Twentieth Century	3
HIST 3475	Histories of Indigenous and Settler Relations	3
HIST 3451	Film and History	6
HIST 3500	History Field Course	3
HIST 3510	History of Tourism in North America	3
HIST 4301	Community Leadership in Atlantic Canada	3
HIST 4501	Public History	6
HIST 4572	Memories of WW II in East Asia	3

In addition to the programs cited above, information on a Minor in British Studies, may be found in the British Studies (<https://smu-ca->

[public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/british-studies/](https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/undergraduate/programs/british-studies/)) section of this Academic Calendar.

Cross-Listed Courses

Certain courses offered by the Departments of Languages and Cultures, Anthropology, and Religion may, in special circumstances, be cross-listed and counted in a student's History concentration. In such cases, the student must obtain the Department's permission.

Graduate Students

Graduate students should refer to the Master of Arts in History (<https://smu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/graduate/programs/history-ma/>) Degree, in the Graduate Academic Calendar.