

# HISTORY MAJOR CONCENTRATION (B.A.) (36 CREDITS)

**Offered by:** History and Classical Studies (Faculty of Arts)

**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Arts and Science

**Program credit weight:** 36

## Program Description

The Major Concentration History is a highly flexible program that emphasizes both breadth and depth, while introducing students to different historical theories and methodologies. Students select from a wide variety of courses on diverse cultures and societies around the world from antiquity to contemporary times, and also on thematic subjects such history and sexuality, imperialism and colonialism, histories of science, environmental history, and the history of thought and ideas. Students design their program to match their geographic, chronological, thematic or methodological interests.

Students wishing to complete a history program should consult a Program Adviser at the beginning of their first year, and fill out a departmental program advising/audit form. For more information, visit the program's website at <http://www.mcgill.ca/history/undergraduate>.

Important note: Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate credits may not be included in the credit requirements for history programs.

### Degree Requirements — B.A. students

To be eligible for a B.A. degree, a student must fulfil all Faculty and program requirements as indicated in Degree Requirements for the Faculty of Arts.

We recommend that students consult an Arts OASIS advisor for degree planning.

### Degree Requirements — B.A. & Sc. students

***This program is offered as part of a Bachelor of Arts & Science (B.A. & Sc.) degree.***

To graduate, students must satisfy both their program requirements and their degree requirements.

- The program requirements (i.e., the specific courses that make up this program) are listed under the Course Tab (above).
- The degree requirements—including the mandatory Foundation program, appropriate degree structure, and any additional components—are outlined on the Degree Requirements page.

Students are responsible for ensuring that this program fits within the overall structure of their degree and that all degree requirements are met. Consult the Degree Planning Guide on the SOUSA website for additional guidance.

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## Complementary Courses (36 credits)

36 credits of HIST or cognate courses (see list below) according to the following requirements.

Distribution requirement:

- 3 credits from Group A
- 3 credits from Group B
- 3 credits from Group C

Note: Cognate courses (see below) may not be used to satisfy the Distribution requirement

Temporal Breadth requirement:

- At least 3 credits focused on the period before 1800
- At least 3 credits focused on the period after 1800

Notes: The same course may be used to satisfy both a Distribution and Temporal Breadth requirement. HIST 299 The Historian's Craft. may not be used to satisfy Temporal Breadth requirements.

Level requirement:

- Maximum 15 credits of complementary courses at the 200-level.
- Minimum 6 credits of 400- or 500- level courses.

Note: student may use at most 3 credits of HIST 498 Independent Research. or HIST 499 Internship: History. to fulfill this requirement.

### Group A

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| Course   | Title   | Credits |
|----------|---|---------|
| HIST 202 | Survey: Canada to 1867.                               | 3       |
| HIST 203 | Survey: Canada since 1867.                            | 3       |
| HIST 211 | American History to 1865.                             | 3       |
| HIST 212 | Medieval Europe.                                      | 3       |
| HIST 214 | Early Modern Europe.                                  | 3       |
| HIST 215 | Modern Europe.  | 3       |
| HIST 216 | Introduction to Russian History.                      | 3       |
| HIST 221 | United States since 1865.                             | 3       |
| HIST 226 | East Central and Southeastern Europe in 20th Century. | 3       |
| HIST 250 | Making Great Britain and Ireland.                     | 3       |

### Group B

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| Course   | Title                               | Credits |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| HIST 200 | Introduction to African History.    | 3       |
| HIST 201 | Modern African History.             | 3       |
| HIST 205 | Ancient Mediterranean History.      | 3       |
| HIST 206 | Indian Ocean World History.         | 3       |
| HIST 208 | Introduction to East Asian History. | 3       |

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| HIST 209 | Introduction to South Asian History.     | 3 | JWST 334 | Jews and Muslims: A Modern History. | 3 |
| HIST 210 | Introduction to Latin American History . | 3 | JWST 348 | Modern Jewish Studies.              | 3 |
| HIST 218 | Modern East Asian History.               | 3 | JWST 365 | Modern Jewish Ideologies.           | 3 |
| HIST 275 | Ancient Roman History.                   | 3 | JWST 366 | History of Zionism.                 | 3 |
|          |  |   | JWST 371 | Jews and the City.                  | 3 |

## Group C

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| Course   | Title  | Credits |
|----------|--|---------|
| HIST 207 | Jewish History: 400 B.C.E. to 1000.          | 3       |
| HIST 213 | World History, 600-2000.                     | 3       |
| HIST 219 | Jewish History: 1000 - 2000.                 | 3       |
| HIST 222 | History of Pandemics.                        | 3       |
| HIST 223 | Indigenous Peoples and Empires.              | 3       |
| HIST 224 | Introduction to the African Diaspora.        | 3       |
| HIST 238 | Histories of Science.                        | 3       |
| HIST 240 | Modern History of Islamic Movements.         | 3       |
| HIST 249 | Health and the Healer in Western History.    | 3       |
| HIST 262 | Mediterranean and European Interconnections. | 3       |
| HIST 292 | History and the Environment.                 | 3       |
| HIST 298 | Topics in History.                           | 3       |
| HIST 299 | The Historian's Craft.                       | 3       |

## Cognate Courses (max. 6 credits)

The following non-HIST courses may be counted toward the History major concentration. Additional courses may be submitted for consideration to the Undergraduate Program Director. Faculty regulations stipulate that a course may not be counted toward more than one program.

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| Course   | Title                              | Credits |
|----------|------------------------------------|---------|
| CLAS 303 | Ancient Greek Religion.            | 3       |
| CLAS 304 | Ancient Greek Democracy.           | 3       |
| CLAS 305 | Roman Religion.                    | 3       |
| CLAS 345 | Study Tour: Greece.                | 3       |
| CLAS 406 | Greek and Roman Historiography.    | 3       |
| ISLA 305 | Topics in Islamic History.         | 3       |
| ISLA 315 | Ottoman State and Society to 1839. | 3       |
| ISLA 350 | From Tribe to Dynasty.             | 3       |
| ISLA 355 | Modern History of the Middle East. | 3       |
| ISLA 410 | History: Middle-East 1798-1918.    | 3       |
| ISLA 411 | History: Middle-East 1918-1945.    | 3       |
| ISLA 511 | Medieval Islam, 10th-12th Century. | 3       |
| ISLA 516 | Medieval Islam, 13th-15th Century. | 3       |
| JWST 240 | The Holocaust.                     | 3       |
| JWST 245 | Jewish Life in the Islamic World.  | 3       |
| JWST 303 | The Soviet Jewish Experience.      | 3       |
| JWST 311 | Gender in Jewish History.          | 3       |
| JWST 312 | Modern Jewish History.             | 3       |