

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.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

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