History (HIST)

Our curriculum covers a wide range of chronological periods and geographical and thematic areas. Whether your interest lies in women's history, Greek history or the history of a particular region, York University will provide you with the resources to study what you love the most.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in History will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	Any 6.00 credit AP/HIST 1000 level course	6.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside History	Any course that is not a History course or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Free Choice Course	Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements	3.00
	Total	30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With History, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. History can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

Anthropology Classics/Classical Studies English Gender and Women's Studies Philosophy Religious Studies Urban Studies + many more!

Minor Options Include:

Anthropology Classics/Classical Studies English Gender and Women's Studies Philosophy Religious Studies Urban Studies + many more!



The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

Career-Focused Services

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

Academic Support

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.

Social & Leadership Development Programs

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Rajesh Lachhman Fourth Year Student History

"What I like most about the History program is how we study events that occurred in the past and learn how they came to shape our world in the present day. Through this type of analysis we gain analytical skills that can be applied to different aspects of life and our future careers."

Your Degree Pathway



A degree in History requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Free Choice Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



History Courses: Any 1000 level History Course. Course options include 20th Century War and Revolution, Ancient North America, China + many more

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Courses Outside History: Your choice of courses outside of History

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals in History.



History Course Options: Ancient Greece and Rome, African History, Early Islamic Civilization, Caribbean History + many more

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Free Choice Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in History will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



History Course Options: Egypt after Cleopatra, Pirates: Past and Present, Precolonial African Civilizations, 19th Century Law and Justice + many more Free Choice Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year •

In your fourth and final year, your courses in History will be designed to meet your specific interests.



History Course Options: Slavery in Ancient Greece and Rome, Murder in Ontario 1815-1982, Gender in East Asian History + many more

Free Choice Courses: These courses can include additional History courses or further courses of interest at the upper level

