

History

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Full-time, 4 years

**Ryerson
University**

History
Faculty of Arts



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impact

About the Program

Understanding the past allows us to explore the diversity and complexity of the human experience. In this program, you'll study historical debates and engage with documents, artifacts, stories and digital media from ancient societies up to the 21st century.

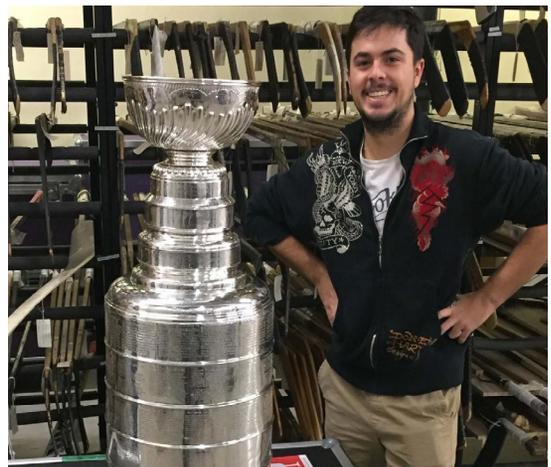
Double majors with **English, Philosophy, Sociology, Criminology** and **Politics and Governance** are also available. Experiential learning opportunities include museum and curatorial courses and practicums, work placements, international study opportunities, and, for some students, a coop option. Participation and membership in the Ryerson History Society encourages community building and development of leadership skills that enable students to shape the future.

History Program students engage with history in and out of the classroom. In the classroom setting, students can take courses such as **Museum and Heritage Management, Archaeology and Material Culture, History and New Media, Locating The Past: Archival Research** and **Water Use in History**.

Program Highlights

Upper-year students have opportunities to learn in international settings such as the Netherlands, Germany, the UK and Turkey. Other experiential learning opportunities include work placements in museums and archives, such as the **Hockey Hall of Fame Archives** and the **Toronto Railway Museum**, work with the **Ontario Heritage Society**, and experience auctions at **AH Wilkens Auctions and Appraisals**. Another popular choice is conducting research for professors.

*Fourth-year History student, **Logan Borges** posing with the Stanley Cup during his work placement at the Hockey Hall of Fame Resource Centre.*



Program Structure

History draws on the theories, methods, and practices of a broad range of humanities and social sciences. Therefore, the History program builds on a **common first-year platform shared with other programs** in the Faculty of Arts, with specialization in History occurring in years two through four of the degree.

In the first year, which is shared with the BA programs in Criminology, English, Environment and Urban Sustainability, Geographic Analysis, Language and Intercultural Relations, Philosophy, Politics and Governance, Psychology, and Sociology, students take their first **two university-level History courses** from a number of choices that explore the subject across a range of themes, time periods, and geographical contexts. Students also acquire skills and knowledge in two foundational courses, **Academic Writing and Research**, and **Critical Thinking**, and they choose electives from a broad range of areas. **Double major** options are available after the first year with **English, Philosophy, Sociology, Criminology, and Politics and Governance**.

Typical First Year

Semester 1 - FALL	Semester 2 - WINTER
Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205	Critical Thinking I - SSH 105
One of required HIS or HST courses	One of required HIS or HST courses
In addition to that you must choose 6 Electives (3 each semester) for your first year.	

Co-op Option

The History BA (Honours) program has the option for students to join the Faculty of Arts Co-operative Education program. This competitive opportunity allows students who pass the admission process to complete three mandatory **career-relevant paid employment experiences** in various terms throughout their program for **academic credit**, and an **optional fourth work term**. Students must also complete an academic course prior to their first work term, which will provide a foundational understanding of the **labour market context** while also facilitating the development of **skills related to job searches and successful employment**. Students apply in the summer between first and second year to join the co-op option in their second year of study.

Careers

With a foundation in historical methods, critical thinking, research and communication skills, graduates can apply insights into social cultural practices as they pursue careers in a number of fields.

Career Paths include:

- Historian
- Museum Curator
- Heritage Interpreter
- Archivist
- Librarian
- Journalist
- Social Policy Analyst
- Lawyer
- Teacher

and more...

How to Apply

Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- a minimum grade of 70% or higher will be required in Grade 12 U English/Anglais (ENG4U/EAE4U preferred).

History welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/history

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Who doesn't like seeing the world?! I have been fortunate to present research that I have done as part of my course work at history conferences both here at Ryerson and south of the border in Michigan. Being able to combine studies and travel has been an amazing experience!"

- **Mark Unwin**, History Program Graduate