

History: Bachelor of Arts Major and Minor

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Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Open enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Format	Full-time Part-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in History, provides students with the opportunity to study the many peoples and cultures whose contributions have created the world in which we live today. The degree allows students to develop the knowledge, core competencies, and skills characteristic of a traditional BA program, while preparing them to respond creatively and innovatively to a range of challenges in our community and our world. Whether they pursue a general History BA, or choose a specialization in either the Asian or Military History streams, students will gain the literacy and analytical skills essential in today's labour market. Equally importantly, students will become better-informed citizens of our increasingly interconnected world. Our degree students will also benefit from our faculty's commitment to teaching excellence and from the small class sizes at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

All History degree programs are reading and writing intensive. For this reason we strongly recommend that students complete the English requirements of the BA framework within their first two years at KPU.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The versatility of the Bachelor of Arts, Major in History allows students to design their program of study such that it prepares them for careers or further study in areas such as business, community service, law, policing, elementary and secondary education, public history, the military, professional writing, public administration, self-employment, and social work, as well as graduate programs in History.

The History BA provides several thematic streams which allow students to enter traditional graduate programs, as well as more specialized programs such as those offered at the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, University of Calgary, University of New Brunswick, and the Royal Military College. The Bachelor of Arts, History, also offers students an upper-level capstone course on the applications of history that prepares them for leadership roles in the community

and equips them with skills applicable to the fields of teaching, public history, archival work, and research.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to Kwantlen's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

Year One Admission:

- English 12 with a 'B' (or equivalent)
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent)

Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in the above Two Quantitative courses (three credits of which must be from the Faculty of Science & Horticulture)
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to KPU may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in either Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, Applications of Math 12 (or equivalents) will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Current BA students must meet the following requirements to continue into their 3rd year of study. Registration access to third or fourth year courses is first awarded to students who have completed the following:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

History students begin their first year of studies with courses that broadly introduce them to major developments in political and economic history from across the globe, as well as key themes in historical development. In the second year, they progress to more specifically defined regional courses, considering not only economic and political history, but also social and cultural developments. At the third year level, students undertake in-depth studies of particular countries or particular themes in global development, often in a seminar setting. Finally, in fourth year seminars, students examine focused subjects again considering all aspects of that particular topic.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

History Major

The following major requirements are to be completed for the Bachelor of Arts, Major in History program.

Students are required to complete 12 credits of lower levels history courses with 6 of these credits at the 2000 level.

1000 Level

HIST 1113	Canada to 1867	3 credits
HIST 1114	Canada since 1867	3 credits
HIST 1120	Europe 1900–1939	3 credits
HIST 1121	Europe since 1939	3 credits
HIST 1130	Twentieth Century World I: 1900–1945	3 credits
HIST 1131	Twentieth Century World II: 1945-2000	3 credits
HIST 1145	American History 1607–1865	3 credits
HIST 1146	American History 1865–1974	3 credits
HIST 1150	Introduction to Traditional East Asia	3 credits

HIST 1160	Introduction to South Asian History	3 credits
HIST 1170	Introduction to African History	3 credits
2000 Level		
HIST 2101	Europe in the Middle Ages	3 credits
HIST 2102	Europe 1450–1789	3 credits
HIST 2119	Europe 1789–1914	3 credits
HIST 2300	Introduction to World Civilizations	3 credits
HIST 2301	The Ancient World	3 credits
HIST 2304	Canadian-American Relations	3 credits
HIST 2307	Twentieth Century Britain	3 credits
HIST 2335	War in the Modern World	3 credits
HIST 2350	Late Imperial China	3 credits
HIST 2355	The Chinese Overseas: A Global History of Chinese Migration	3 credits
HIST 2375	Japan under the Shoguns, 1600 to 1868	3 credits

Students are required to take 18 credits of history at the 3000 level. Note that courses at the 3000 level might require specific course prerequisites at the 1000 and/or 2000 levels.

3000 Level

HIST 3310	The Fibre of Society: Textile Production and Global Development	3 credits
HIST 3313	Canadian Social History: Order and Disorder	3 credits
HIST 3320	The Balkans from 1543 to 1918	3 credits
HIST 3327	Russia to 1917	3 credits
HIST 3328	History of the Soviet Union	3 credits
HIST 3330	Germany in the Long Nineteenth Century (1789-1914)	3 credits
HIST 3331	Twentieth Century Germany	3 credits
HIST 3340	Civil War and Reconstruction	3 credits
HIST 3344	Colonial America	3 credits
HIST 3345	The American West	3 credits
HIST 3346	History of the American Revolution 1760-1791	3 credits
HIST 3350	China in the Twentieth Century: Reforms and Revolutions	3 credits
HIST 3360	British India, 1857–1947	3 credits
HIST 3361	The Indian Subcontinent since 1947	3 credits
HIST 3370	Modern Japan	3 credits

HIST 3380	World War II in the Pacific	3 credits
HIST 3390	Canada & World War One	3 credits
HIST 3392	British Home Front during World War II	3 credits
HIST 3397	Guerillas in the Mist: Terrorism in the Twentieth Century	3 credits

All students are required to take:

4000 Level

HIST 4400	Applications of History	3 credits
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In addition to HIST 4400, students are required to take at least 9 credits of history at the 4000 level.

HIST 4407	British Society & Culture, 1900-2000	3 credits
HIST 4420	Europe in the "Age of Dictators"	3 credits
HIST 4430	The Holocaust in History	3 credits
HIST 4435	Genocide in the Twentieth Century	3 credits
HIST 4445	The US since 1945	3 credits
HIST 4450	China & the West	3 credits
HIST 4455	Sages and Statecraft in China	3 credits
HIST 4460	Gandhi in History	3 credits
HIST 4470	Warriors of Japan: The Samurai	3 credits
HIST 4480	The Vietnam War in Historical Perspective	3 credits
HIST 4485	The Great Strategists	3 credits
HIST 4490	History of British Columbia	3 credits
HIST 4491	Quebec in Canada	3 credits
HIST 4497	Canada and World War II	3 credits
HIST 4499	Selected Topics in History*	3 credits

* This course may be taken more than once for credit with permission of the department. Depending on the topic, HIST 4499 may be applicable to either the Asian or Military History stream

ASIAN HISTORY STREAM

Students who wish to focus their studies on Asian History are recommended to complete their program requirements using courses from the following:

1000 Level

HIST 1130	Twentieth Century World I: 1900–1945	3 credits
HIST 1131	Twentieth Century World II: 1945-2000	3 credits
HIST 1150	Introduction to Traditional East Asia	3 credits
HIST 1160	Introduction to South Asian History	3 credits

2000 Level

HIST 2300	Introduction to World Civilizations	3 credits
HIST 2350	Late Imperial China	3 credits
HIST 2355	The Chinese Overseas: A Global History of Chinese Migration	3 credits
HIST 2375	Japan under the Shoguns, 1600 to 1868	3 credits

3000 Level

HIST 3350	China in the Twentieth Century: Reforms and Revolutions	3 credits
HIST 3360	British India, 1857–1947	3 credits
HIST 3361	The Indian Subcontinent since 1947	3 credits
HIST 3370	Modern Japan	3 credits
HIST 3380	World War II in the Pacific	3 credits

4000 Level

HIST 4400	Applications of History (required)	3 credits
HIST 4450	China & the West	3 credits
HIST 4455	Sages and Statecraft in China	3 credits
HIST 4460	Gandhi in History	3 credits
HIST 4470	Warriors of Japan: The Samurai	3 credits
HIST 4480	The Vietnam War in Historical Perspective	3 credits

MILITARY HISTORY STREAM

Students who wish to focus their studies on Military History are recommended to complete their program requirements using courses from the following:

1000 Level

HIST 1113	Canada to 1867	3 credits
HIST 1114	Canada since 1867	3 credits
HIST 1120	Europe 1900–1939	3 credits
HIST 1121	Europe since 1939	3 credits
HIST 1130	Twentieth Century World I: 1900–1945	3 credits
HIST 1131	Twentieth Century World II: 1945-2000	3 credits
HIST 1145	American History 1607–1865	3 credits
HIST 1146	American History 1865–1974	3 credits

2000 Level

HIST 2335	War in the Modern World	3 credits
HIST 2375	Japan under the Shoguns	3 credits

3000 Level

HIST 3340	Civil War and Reconstruction	3 credits
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HIST 3346	History of the American Revolution 1760-1791	3 credits	HIST 2304	Canadian-American Relations	3 credits
HIST 3380	World War II in the Pacific	3 credits	HIST 2307	Twentieth Century Britain	3 credits
HIST 3390	Canada & World War One	3 credits	HIST 2335	War in the Modern World	3 credits
HIST 3392	British Home Front during World War II	3 credits	HIST 2350	Late Imperial China	3 credits
HIST 3397	Guerillas in the Mist: Terrorism in the Twentieth Century	3 credits	HIST 2355	The Chinese Overseas: A Global History of Chinese Migration	3 credits

4000 Level

HIST 4400	Applications of History (required)	3 credits
HIST 4420	Europe in the 'Age of the Dictators'	
HIST 4435	Genocide in the Twentieth Century	3 credits
HIST 4470	Warriors of Japan: The Samurai	3 credits
HIST 4480	The Vietnam War in Historical Perspective	3 credits
HIST 4485	The Great Strategists	3 credits
HIST 4497	Canada and World War II	3 credits

History Minor

Students are required to complete 12 credits of lower levels history courses with 6 of these credits at the 2000 level.

1000 Level

HIST 1113	Canada to 1867	3 credits
HIST 1114	Canada since 1867	3 credits
HIST 1120	Europe 1900–1939	3 credits
HIST 1121	Europe since 1939	3 credits
HIST 1130	Twentieth Century World I: 1900–1945	3 credits
HIST 1131	Twentieth Century World II: 1945-2000	3 credits
HIST 1145	American History 1607–1865	3 credits
HIST 1146	American History 1865–1974	3 credits
HIST 1150	Introduction to Traditional East Asia	3 credits
HIST 1160	Introduction to South Asian History	3 credits
HIST 1170	Introduction to African History	3 credits

2000 Level

HIST 2101	Europe in the Middle Ages	3 credits
HIST 2102	Europe 1450 to 1789	3 credits
HIST 2119	Europe 1789 to 1914	3 credits
HIST 2300	Introduction to World Civilizations	3 credits
HIST 2301	The Ancient World	3 credits

HIST 2304	Canadian-American Relations	3 credits
HIST 2307	Twentieth Century Britain	3 credits
HIST 2335	War in the Modern World	3 credits
HIST 2350	Late Imperial China	3 credits
HIST 2355	The Chinese Overseas: A Global History of Chinese Migration	3 credits
HIST 2375	Japan under the Shoguns, 1600 to 1868	3 credits

Students are required to take at least 9 credits of history at the 3000 level.

Courses at the 3000 level require specific course prerequisites at the 1000 and 2000 levels.

3000 Level

HIST 3310	The Fibre of Society: Textile Production and Global Development	3 credits
HIST 3313	Canadian Social History: Order and Disorder	3 credits
HIST 3320	The Balkans from 1543 to 1918	3 credits
HIST 3327	Russia to 1917	3 credits
HIST 3328	History of the Soviet Union	3 credits
HIST 3330	Germany in the Long Nineteenth Century (1789-1914)	3 credits
HIST 3331	Twentieth Century Germany	3 credits
HIST 3340	Civil War and Reconstruction	3 credits
HIST 3344	Colonial America	3 credits
HIST 3345	The American West	3 credits
HIST 3346	History of the American Revolution 1760-1791	3 credits
HIST 3350	China in the Twentieth Century: Reforms and Revolutions	3 credits
HIST 3360	British India, 1857–1947	3 credits
HIST 3361	The Indian Subcontinent since 1947	3 credits
HIST 3370	Modern Japan	3 credits
HIST 3380	World War II in the Pacific	3 credits
HIST 3390	Canada & World War I	3 credits
HIST 3392	British Home Front during World War II	3 credits
HIST 3397	Guerillas in the Mist: Terrorism in the Twentieth Century	3 credits

Students are required to take at least 6 credits of history at the 4000 level.

4000 Level

HIST 4400	Applications of History	3 credits
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HIST 4407	British Society & Culture: 1900–2000	3 credits
HIST 4420	Europe in the "Age of Dictators"	3 credits
HIST 4430	The Holocaust in History	3 credits
HIST 4435	Genocide in the 20th century	3 credits
HIST 4445	US since 1945	3 credits
HIST 4450	China and the West	3 credits
HIST 4455	Sages and Chinese Statecraft	3 credits
HIST 4460	Gandhi in History	3 credits
HIST 4470	Warriors of Japan: The Samurai	3 credits
HIST 4480	The Vietnam War in Historical Perspective	3 credits
HIST 4485	The Great Strategists	3 credits
HIST 4490	History of British Columbia	3 credits
HIST 4491	Quebec in Canada	3 credits
HIST 4497	Canada and World War II	3 credits
HIST 4499	Selected Topics in History	3 credits

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the major program students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in History**.

Upon successful completion of the minor as part of a Bachelor of Arts program, transcripts will indicate a **Minor in History**.