MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY AND SPECIALIZATION MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES

The Department of History offers the degree of Master of Arts (with or without thesis) in History. Within the limits imposed by the availability of qualified staff, students may pursue their studies in English or in French.

At the master's level students undertake research in diverse areas corresponding to the expertise and interests of faculty members. The program includes a co-op option at the master's.

The Department participates in the collaborative programs in Women's Studies and in Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the master's level, allowing students to specialize in one of these areas. For further details, please consult the "Admission Requirements" section of the master's program.

The collaborative master's in Medieval and Renaissance Studies (MDV) has two goals:

- To offer at the graduate level a multi-disciplinary education in Medieval and Renaissance Studies;
- To teach students the theoretical approaches and methods of research specific to the study of the period.

The specialization in Medieval and Renaissance Studies is intended for students who wish to enrich their training by including to their main program an interdisciplinary component in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Besides a thesis or a major research paper on a topic related to the medieval and Renaissance period, the specific requirements of the collaborative program include two core courses in medieval studies (MDV), one of which will count as a partial requirement in the main discipline.

The programs are governed by the academic regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/leadership-governance/policies-regulations/) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/) webpage.

Students must have an honours BA in history (or the equivalent) with a minimum average of 70 per cent (B) before they can be considered for admission. The department may require a written or oral entrance examination.

Collaborative Programs

Entry into the collaborative program requires at least a passive knowledge of French language.

Applications to the collaborative program must be submitted at the same time as the application for admission to the master's program in the main discipline.

Students wishing to enroll in the Collaborative program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies must first be admitted to the Master's program in one of the participating units. Candidates must hold an Honours Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

Co-op Option

To be admissible to the co-op option, students must commence the Master of History Program in the fall term and be enrolled full time. Applications for the co-op option must be received by the end of the first month of the student's enrollment in the MA program. Acceptance into the co-op option is offered on a competitive basis and is managed by the Co-op Office. Enquiries should be directed to that office.

Language Requirements

All applicants must be able to understand speak and write either English or French proficiently. Applicants whose first language is neither English nor French must provide proof of proficiency in one or the other. The list of acceptable tests is indicated in the "Admission" section of the general regulations in effect for graduate studies.

In accordance with the University of Ottawa regulation, students have a right to produce their work, their thesis, and to answer examination questions in French or in English.

Program Requirements
Master's with Thesis

Compulsory Courses:

HIS 5122	Research Seminar	3 Units
6 elective course units in history (HIS) at the graduate level		6 Units
Language Requirement:		
HIS 5599	Exigence de langue française en histoire	
Thesis:		
THM 7999	Master's Thesis [1]	

Note(s)

[1]
Preparation and effective defence of a thesis (THM 7999) before a board of at least two examiners and presided over by the Chairperson of the Department or his representative. The master's thesis should be between 125 and 150 pages in length.

Master's with Research Paper

Compulsory Courses:

HIS 5122	Research Seminar	3 Units
12 elective course units in history (HIS) at the graduate level		12 Units
Language Requirement:		
HIS 5599	Exigence de langue française en histoire	
Research Paper:		
MRP 6999	Major Research Paper [1]	

Note(s)

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The research paper must receive the approval of the supervisor and a passing grade from the reader. The research paper should be about 50 pages in length.

Language Requirements

Students in both the master's and doctoral programs must understand, speak and write either English or French fluently. In addition, students in both programs must demonstrate their reading competence in Canada's other official language, French or English, at the earliest opportunity, by passing a language examination administered by the department in the fall or winter term. To this end, enrollment in HIS 5599 is compulsory. Students who take a graduate course in history in the other language may be exempted from this examination, given a favourable report from the professor concerned. Students working in a field of history where a language other than English or French is necessary may also be required to demonstrate their grasp of that language.

Collaborative Program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Students in the program must complete the requirements of their primary program and those of the collaborative program. The course MDV 5100 (3 units) in Medieval and Renaissance Studies will be counted towards the requirements of the primary program. Consequently, students in the specialization will have only one extra course to take.

Compulsory Courses: [1]

MDV 5100	Medieval and Renaissance Studies Research Methods and Tools	3 Units
MDV 5900	Interdisciplinary Research Seminar	3 Units
Thesis or Major Research Paper [2]		

Note(s)

1

Students must complete the two compulsory courses before they enroll to the major research paper or thesis. Note that MDV 5900 is a bilingual course that requires at least a passive knowledge of French.

2

A thesis or major research paper on a topic related to Medieval and Renaissance studies; the proposed topic must be approved by the program committee of the participating unit and the committee of the collaborative program. The supervision of the major research paper or thesis must be carried out by a professor approved by the collaborative program committee. At least one of the two thesis examiners (or one examiner of the major research paper) must be a member of the collaborative program. In both cases, the title of the degree will indicate the discipline of the participating unit with the specification "specialization in Medieval and Renaissance Studies."

Co-op Option

Co-op students must enroll full-time and complete two work terms: ACP 6001and ACP 6002 . The co-op work terms are each worth six units.

Each work terms is graded P/F (Pass or Fail), based on the employer's report and on a written report completed by the student. The report must be 30 pages, including appendices. The report is evaluated by the professor in charge of the graduate co-op option in History.

The units awarded for co-op work terms may not be used to obtain equivalences for other courses. In other words, the co-op units are additional to the minimum requirements of the degree.

To remain in the co-op option, students must:

- Be enrolled full-time.
- Maintain a 7.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Obtain a satisfactory grade (P) for each co-op work term.

Duration of Program

Students are expected to complete all requirements within two years. The thesis must be submitted within four years of the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Minimum Standards

The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units) must withdraw from the program.

Research
Research at the University of Ottawa

Located in the heart of Canada's capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa ranks among Canada's top 10 research universities. Our research is founded on excellence, relevance and impact and is conducted in a spirit of equity, diversity and inclusion.

Our research community thrives in four strategic areas:

- Creating a sustainable environment
- Advancing just societies
- Shaping the digital world
- Enabling lifelong health and wellness

From advancing healthcare solutions to tackling global challenges like climate change, the University of Ottawa's researchers are at the forefront of innovation, making significant contributions to society and beyond.

Research at the Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is proud of the state of the art research conducted by its professors. In the spirit of showcasing its research to the university community as well as to the general public, the Faculty has created three activities: Dean's Lecture Series, Treasures of the Library, and Excellence Lectures.

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Arts

- Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne-française (http://arts.uottawa.ca/crccf/),
- Institute of Indigenous Research and Studies (http://arts.uottawa.ca/canada/en/),
- Institute for Science, Society and Policy (http://issp.uottawa.ca/en/),
- Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute (OLBI) (http://olbi.uottawa.ca/)
- Morisset Library (http://biblio.uottawa.ca/en/morisset-library/).

For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on **Uniweb**.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/study/graduate-studies/academic-unit-contact-information/) **of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.**

Courses

N.B. 9000-level courses are reserved for Ph.D. students.

HIS 5103 Seminar in Canadian History (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 5111 Seminar in New Frances (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 5122 Research Seminar (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 5129 Seminar on British North America (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 5199 English Language Requirement in History
Course Component: Research

HIS 5503 Séminaire en histoire du Canada (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 5511 Séminaire en histoire de la Nouvelle-France (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 5522 Séminaire de recherche (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 5525 Séminaire en histoire du Québec (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 5529 Séminaire sur le Canada sous le régime britannique (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 5599 Exigence de langue française en histoire
Volet : Recherche

HIS 6103 Seminar in American History (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 6332 Seminar in Digital and Public History (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 6334 History of Francophones in North America (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 6336 Seminar on Immigrants and Ethnic Groups in North America (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 6503 Séminaire en histoire américaine (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 6536 Séminaire en histoire des immigrants et des communautés ethnoculturelles en Amérique du Nord (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 6732 Séminaire en histoire numérique et publique (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
Antérieurement HIS 6532.

HIS 6734 Histoire des francophones en Amérique du Nord (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 6999 Mémoire de maîtrise / Research Paper
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 7103 Seminar in European History (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7304 Seminar In Medieval History (3 units)
Study and analysis of historical issues relating to the medieval period.
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7330 Seminar on Comparative History (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7331 Seminar on the History of Women and Gender (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7333 Seminar on International Relations (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7335 Seminar on War and Society (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7337 Seminar on History of Medicine (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7338 Seminar on the History of Colonialism and Post Colonialism (3 units)
In-depth examination of issues relating to the history of colonialism and postcolonialism.
Course Component: Seminar

HIS 7399 Directed Studies in History (3 units)
Course Component: Research

HIS 7503 Séminaire en histoire européenne (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 7530 Séminaire en histoire comparée (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 7535 Séminaire sur la guerre et la société (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 7704 Séminaire en histoire médiévale (3 crédits)
Étude et analyse de phénomènes historiques propres à la période médiévale.
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 7731 Séminaire en histoire des femmes et du genre (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 7733 Séminaire en relations internationales (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 7738 Séminaire en histoire du colonialisme et du postcolonialisme (3 crédits)
Études approfondies sur des questions liées à l'histoire du colonialisme et du postcolonialisme.
Volet : Séminaire

HIS 7799 Études dirigées en histoire (3 crédits)
Volet : Recherche

HIS 8900 Séminaire de recherche doctorale / Doctoral Research Seminar (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire sur des sujets se rapportant aux débats historiographiques et aux méthodologies de recherche en histoire. / Seminar on topics relating to the historiographical debates and research methodologies in history.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar

HIS 9901 Le Canada français / French Canada (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9902 L'Amérique coloniale / Colonial America (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9903 L'Amérique du nord britannique / British North America (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9904 Le Canada après la confédération / Post-Confederation Canada (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9905 La Nouvelle-France / New France (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9910 Québec / Quebec (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9930 Histoire de l'Asie / Asian History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9940 Histoire du Moyen-Orient et de l'Afrique du Nord / Middle Eastern and North African History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9950 Histoire de l'Afrique / History of Africa (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9954 Histoire des États-Unis / U.S. History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9980 Histoire économique / Economic History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9981 Histoire socioculturelle / Social-Cultural History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9982 Histoire intellectuelle / Intellectual History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9983 Histoire politique / Political History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9984 Relations internationales / International Relations (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9985 Histoire de la médecine, des techniques et des sciences / History of Medicine, Technology and Sciences (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9986 Histoire des Autochtones au Canada / History of Indigenous Peoples in Canada (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9987 Histoire des immigrants et des communautés ethnoculturelles en Amérique du Nord / History of Immigrants and Ethnic Groups in North America (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9988 Histoire des femmes et du genre / History of Women and Gender (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9989 Histoire militaire et diplomatique / Military and Diplomatic History (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9990 L'Europe médiévale / Medieval Europe (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9991 L'Europe moderne / Early Modern Europe (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9992 La Grande-Bretagne / Great Britain (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9993 L'Europe des 19e et 20e siècles / 19th and 20th Century Europe (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9995 La France de l'ancien régime / France of the Ancient Regime (3 crédits / 3 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

HIS 9998 Examen oral du doctorat / Doctoral Oral Examination
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

MDV 5100 Medieval and Renaissance Studies Research Methods and Tools (3 units)
Approaches to the study of manuscripts (paleography, codicology, iconography) and texts (explication, diplomatics, liturgy, stemmata) of the period.
Course Component: Seminar

MDV 5500 Méthodes et outils de recherche des études médiévales et de la Renaissance (3 crédits)
Approches à l'étude de manuscrits (paléographie, codicologie, iconographie) et textes (explication des textes, diplomatique, liturgie, stemmata) de l'époque.
Volet : Cours magistral

MDV 5900 Séminaire de recherche interdisciplinaire / Interdisciplinary Research Seminar (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire bilingue à thèmes variables destiné à explorer le sens et la valeur du travail interdisciplinaire en études médiévales et modernes. / Bilingual seminar using varying themes as a vehicle for exploring the meaning and value of interdisciplinary work in medieval and modern studies.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar