MASTER OF ARTS HISTORY
SPECIALIZATION IN
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 (MDR) 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.

Since the 16th century, study of the middle ages implies studying a ‘middle’, or intermediary period, seen as standing between two great civilizations: Roman antiquity and the modern western world. This definition has had a major impact on scholarship, crystallizing a periodization that has now become traditional in most of the humanities.

The programs are governed by the general regulations (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) 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 (http://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

The Department of History is a participating unit in the collaborative programs in Women’s Studies (master’s level only) and in Medieval and Renaissance Studies (master’s level only).

The program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies has been established for students wishing to enrich their training in History by including an interdisciplinary component in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. The specific requirements of this collaborative program include two core courses in medieval studies and a thesis on a topic related to Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

Students should indicate in their initial application for admission to the master’s program in History that they wish to be accepted into the collaborative program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Candidates must hold an honours degree or the 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:

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Thesis:

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<td>THM 7999</td>
<td>Master’s Thesis (^1)</td>
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\(^{1}\) 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

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\(^{1}\) Preparation and effective defence of a thesis (HIS 6999) before a board of at least two examiners and presided over by the Chairperson of the Department or his representative. The research paper should be between 125 and 150 pages in length.
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.

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<td>Interdisciplinary Research Seminar</td>
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<td>Thesis or Major Research Paper ²</td>
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¹ Students must complete the two compulsory courses before they enroll to the major research paper or thesis.

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 committee. 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 6001 and ACP 6002. The co-op work terms are each worth six units.

Each work term 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 Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

• Canada and the World  
• Health  
• e-Society  
• Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

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


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/graduate-studies/students/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
HIS 5103 Seminar in Canadian History I (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 5125 Seminar on History of Quebec (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 I (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 I (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 I (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar
HIS 6332 Seminar on the History of Technology (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar
HIS 6334 History of Francophones in North America, Outside of Quebec (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 I (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
HIS 6532 Séminaire en histoire de la technologie (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
HIS 6536 Séminaire en histoire des immigrants et des communautés ethnoculturelles en Amérique du Nord (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
HIS 6734 Histoire des francophones en Amérique du Nord, hors Québec (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
HIS 6999 Mémoire de maîtrise / Research Paper
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
HIS 7103 Seminar in European History I (3 units)
Course Component: Seminar
HIS 7304 Seminar In Medieval History (3 units)
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 7336 Slovaks in Europe, Canada and the United States Since 1870 (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 I (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
HIS 7504 Séminaire en histoire européenne II (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 7705 Méthodes de recherche en histoire (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
HIS 7731 Séminaire en histoire des femmes et du genre (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire
HIS 7772 Études approfondies sur des questions liées à l'histoire du colonialisme et du postcolonialisme.
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 britannique du nord jusqu'à 1873 / British North America to 1873 (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 9920 L’Amérique latine / Latin America (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 9994 La France depuis la révolution / France Since the Revolution (3 crédits / 3 units)
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, diplomatie, liturgie, stemmata) of the period.
Course Component: Seminar

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