

# NIPISSING

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Bachelor of Arts

## History

The Department of History is committed to innovative historical education that is student-centered, experiential and life-changing. To study history is to learn about the past, develop skills to think critically and communicate clearly in the present, and lead your community into the future.

The Department of History offers a range of undergraduate degree options including an Honours Specialization degree, a Concurrent Education option, or a minor.

- We specialize in the history of state violence and genocide, international relations, war and terrorism, Indigenous histories, oral history, women's and gender history, and global environmental history.
- We are committed to **small-group and experiential learning** tailored to the needs of Nipissing students.
- We offer a minor/certificate in **War, Atrocity, and Genocide**.
- We support a **vibrant student community** through the History Society and our online undergraduate journal.
- We engage students in our **research** programs.
- We offer a unique **Orientation to the Masters in History** program that establishes a community-based experiential-learning pathway to our graduate program.

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## Why Nipissing?

The Department of History provides a personalized student experience within a collegial learning community dedicated to creativity, innovation, and excellence in teaching, research, and scholarly activities. History's global and national state-of-the-art programming and universally-celebrated seminar system gives students the opportunity to work in small classroom environments with highly-trained faculty from first to fourth year. This is a unique feature of the history department at Nipissing.

In first year, you will work closely with faculty members to explore diverse historical themes, from an exploration of the life of a medieval teenager, to genocide, to food. These courses are designed to support graduated skill development that helps you transition to the university environment. The small classroom experience means that you will never get lost in an impersonal lecture hall.

In second and third year, you have the opportunity to explore the impact of global and national contexts on the past and investigate themes such as the environment, gender, treaties, war, and terrorism at a higher level. Regularly-offered courses include: War and Terrorism, Environment and Food Systems, the History of Women and Gender, African histories, the Holocaust and more.

We have developed upper-level courses that meet student demand for skills-based and experiential learning. HIST 3005 is a full-year hybrid experiential travel course that expands student historical knowledge through study abroad with experts in the field. By combining travel and study, students explore historical questions in relation to the present. HIST 3806 (experiential learning) allows students to work with a faculty member to design a project that suits their historical and practical interests.

In your capstone fourth-year courses, you will return to the seminar environment to merge your new skills with the themes you have been studying. You have the opportunity to engage in independent research under the guidance of your professor. Fourth-year history students often participate in our Undergraduate Research Conference with researchers from across Ontario.

In short, learning in our department provides skills and a critically-informed perspective on society at large that is essential for an active and involved life in the twenty-first century.

*Students prepare food  
and present on historical recipes  
in a Food History class.*





## First Year Courses

Our innovative first-year classes introduce students to the discipline of history in courses that highlight the thematic strengths of and learning pathways that exist in our department:

- **Blood and Soil**, a required course for the WAG certificate, uses various historical, legal, and social-scientific methodologies and case studies to survey the history and practice of genocide as it occurred in the modern era in the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe.
- **Animating the Land** introduces students to the history of the Nishnaabeg territory on which the university sits through relationships with Elders and knowledge keepers and active engagement with Nishnaabeg ways of sharing stories of the past.
- **Second World War** explores the history of this global conflict, while also engaging with the deeply local history of the Algonquin Regiment.
- **Food: a Canadian History** introduces students to the history of North America by looking at how indigenous people and settlers have produced, prepared and consumed food, including an opportunity for students to prepare and present on historical foods.

## Where can I go after graduation?

As a history graduate, you will find work in a variety of sectors of the economy. Employers place high value on critical thinking, research and communication skills. As a result, history graduates find meaningful employment in the civil service, university sector, law, business and consulting. Our graduates have found themselves writing speeches for the Prime Minister, managing marketing firms and working for non-governmental organizations in Africa. They have followed their love of history to graduate school and to positions as teachers, military officers, curriculum designers, museum curators, journalists, and historical consultants around the world.



"My experience with the History Department at Nipissing has completely changed the way I view the world around me, particularly concerning Indigenous/non-Indigenous relations in Canada. As I work toward a career in the social services sector, my background in Canadian History will be extremely valuable, and a minor in History is an ideal complement to a Social Welfare degree. The professors in the History Department have challenged me to critically examine the world that I live in, and have provided me with tools and feedback that have helped me to greatly improve my communication skills."  
Evan Newman, 2014

*History. Now. Skills, knowledge, and experience for modern leaders.*

# Orientation to Master in History

Realize your full potential with the Orientation to Master in History (OMAH) program: complete your BA and MA in this five-year direct-entry program that provides students with a high-impact and exclusive degree, in a small classroom setting.

- exposes students to all thematic areas of the History program
- supports skill and professional development through training as research assistants
- allows students to work with a wider range of faculty than the common degree structure affords
- includes defined international content, including opportunities to study abroad in the third year of the degree
- involves two mandatory experiential-learning courses, individually tailored to student research interests
- offers community and international placements that meet future employment goals

For a  
**sample timetable**  
and more information  
on the program, visit  
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