

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH
A HISTORY DEGREE?



The proof is in the past! Graduates of History programs are to be found in professional positions that have changed the world around them. History graduates populate almost every conceivable professional field. They work in domains that satisfy their curiosity, their quest for knowledge, and their desire to be of service to humanity. They advocate for those who cannot defend themselves, they imagine new ways of working and of being, and they bring their analytical acumen to every position they hold; from arts administrators to firefighters, from novelists to politicians, from teachers to counsellors, lawyers to entrepreneurs. History students from Kate Middleton (Art History), to Salmon Rushdie, to Shakira say it all... studying History opens the door to infinite futures.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- **King's University College Career Connect**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/career-connect
- **King's University College Job Board**
👉 www.kingsjobboard.ca/jobs
- **King's University College Alumni Services**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/alumni/benefits-and-services
- **Western University Student Success: Find Work**
👉 success.uwo.ca/careers
- **Pillar Non Profit for London Region Opportunities**
👉 www.pillarnonprofit.ca/jobs
- **Canadian Historical Association**
👉 www.historydegree.diplomehistoire.blog
- **American Historical Association**
👉 www.historians.org/teaching-and-learning/why-study-history/careers-for-history-majors/what-can-you-do-with-that-history-degree



A PLACE TO
BECOME



Examples of places where our graduates have gone after graduation:

GRAD SCHOOL

- Teachers college
- Law School
- Graduate School

EMPLOYMENT

- Entrepreneurship
- Health Sciences
- Arts Administration
- NGOs
- Government
- Public History Institutions
- Advocacy
- Politics

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Relevant themes of study: Genocide Studies, Fascism, Social Movements, Terrorism, Religion, Revolution, Sport, Human Rights, Commemoration and Remembering, Public History: Areas of study include Canada, U.S., Latin America, Asia, Europe and World History
- Deeper knowledge of Historical contexts
- Activities that bring history to life and help you apply skills to professional contexts
- Possibilities to broaden your spectrum of curiosity
- Engagement in contemporary life through exploration of past events
- Opportunities to encounter historical figures and their lived experience first-hand in the sources
- Archival research and field work and applied research through Experiential and Active Learning
- Projects that deploy media in the service of History: podcasts, documentaries, theater, graphic novels

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THE HISTORY PROGRAM
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STUDENT AFFAIRS
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History

Search The Past — Find Your Future



History students undertake research for their Hate Speech Class at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa

What is History?

Someone once observed that “history is life’s teacher.” Put another way, the study of the past is a fundamental guide to understanding past, present and future. In the words of historian Priya Satia, “history is always about questions of contemporary interest, always ‘applied’ to addressing contemporary issues”. Studying History at King’s empowers students with relevant knowledge about the past – about how we got to now. We help to equip students with essential skills for navigating the challenges and opportunities of today’s world: critical thinking, evidence-based analysis and interpretation, as well as effective verbal and written communication skills.

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EXPERIENCE GUIDE



THE HISTORY PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO:

- Raise their historical awareness
- Ramp up their ability to critically analyze
- Charge up their intellectual and hands-on investigative tools
- Let their curiosity soar
- Learn to apply new research approaches and techniques
- Debate clearly, logically, and convincingly
- Pursue knowledge- and ways of knowing- ethically
- Discern the validity and value of sources
- Speak and write with authority and conviction
- Know the world and jump-start their awareness and engagement
- Transform their expertise into action

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

KNOWLEDGE:

- Generate and mobilize knowledge
- Apply various methods, theories and interpretations
- Categorize and measure information
- Sift and evaluate evidence
- Identify and combat disinformation in the age of ‘fake news’
- Address contradictions
- Reflect upon the present as they excavate the past
- Recognize what they don't know

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES:

- Critical reflection
- Writing
- Communicating
- Analyzing
- Judging evidence
- Collaborative Action-Listening and building upon others' work
- Designing new research spaces and possibilities
- Using imaginative approaches
- Recognizing limitations and overcoming them

EXPERIENCE:

- Work Place Learning-apply your historical work experience to your degree with History 3901
- Take on archival research in Library and Archives Canada in our History of Hate Speech course
- Make a documentary, podcast or graphic novel in our History of Conspiracies 3308
- Follow patterns of Memory and Reconciliation on the battlefields of Normandy and create an exhibit for the Juno Beach Center in History 3710/4710
- Evaluate policy responses and propose historically-informed policy solutions to contemporary problems in King's History 3809 History, Ethics and Public Policy
- Collaborate with students from the U.S. in History 4710E Canadian/American History
- Gain experience working in a law firm with our Mentorship and the Law program

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The History program at King's is designed to foster our students' historical knowledge and their ability to apply disciplinary-based approaches of critical analysis. They are urged to develop and hone intellectual investigative tools of inquiry, reasoned deliberation, research methodologies that gauge the nature of sources, effective and convincing oral and written communication as well as ethical frameworks for understanding the past. King's History grads are supported as they apply these capacities to professional and social/civic contexts through experience-based courses such as The Two World Wars, Memory and Reconciliation, Hate Speech in Canada and Human Rights in Canada and in Latin America.

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A PLACE TO BE

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	GRADUATING YEAR
THINK Imagine, Create	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Take a first-year History course- Choose from several topics▪ Join Connect4 and meet a faculty mentor▪ Join the J.M.S. Careless History Society▪ Join KAMP to meet upper year student mentors▪ Go to The Write Place to get feedback on your assignments▪ Choose a History module when you do your Intent to Register in February▪ Attend public lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participate in the King's undergraduate research conference or journal▪ Connect with your professors through office hours-discuss how you can maximize your program with your instructors▪ Get to know your professors-they need to know you to write strong recommendations for you▪ Attend the Learning Skills Services Drop in Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meet our History Program Assistant to ensure that you have all the program requirements for graduation▪ Discuss your plans and possible scholarship applications with professors▪ Work closely with instructors to develop your applications and reference letters▪ Finalize your portfolio to share with graduate schools and employers▪ Participate in the King's Undergraduate Research Week
DISCOVER Possibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Attend summer academic orientation and Orientation Week Activities at King's and at Western▪ Consult with faculty regularly about your academic progress and future▪ Attend King's Student Council events▪ Vote in Student Council Elections▪ Visit the Career Counsellor at King's to review potential career opportunities with your degree▪ Sign up for intramurals or check out the Western Mustangs games	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consider being the History program representative▪ Join the J.M.S. Careless History Club executive▪ Participate in the History Club/ Political Science Reading Week trips▪ Become a Soph or Campus Don to support fellow students at King's▪ Explore your interests by volunteering on campus▪ Meet with your academic counsellor to make key academic decisions▪ Think about writing for the Regis or the Western Gazette	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participate in local, national and global challenges and competitions (Map the System, World's Challenge)▪ Meet with faculty to talk about graduate school and reference letters▪ Check out Pillar Nonprofit Network “Nonprofit Career Talks”▪ Meet with career services to review resume and job search tools
ENGAGE In Local and Global Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Attend King's International inter-cultural events▪ Attend History club events such as social game nights, mystery escape rooms, and information sessions about future jobs for people with a History degree▪ Participate in local elections▪ Check out Life After King's▪ Consider joining co-curricular clubs such as the King's Players▪ Be part of the community and use the King's library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discuss experiential course opportunities with your professors or History Department Chair▪ Inquire about research opportunities with History Professors and Work Place Learning courses▪ Consider Scholarships and other applications in preparation for your post-graduate plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Participate in local, national and global challenges and competitions (Map the System, World's Challenge)▪ Check out Pillar Nonprofit Network “Nonprofit Career Talks”▪ Check out internships offered by local and global NGOs and organizations▪ Meet with alumni for informational interviews

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THE KING'S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Meet regularly with the Academic Dean's Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements
- ☐ Check our programs offered by Student Affairs
- ☐ Continually review your financial aid
- ☐ Check out opportunities to work on campus or off-campus throughout your degree
- ☐ Volunteer and support your community at King's
- ☐ Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library
- ☐ Check out Career Connect on a regular basis
- ☐ Meet with Faculty during their office hours

ALUMNI PROFILE



Samuel La France
BA Hons '08 History and English Literature
Graduation Year: 2008

“ My degree from King's allows me to appreciate how knowledge of the past can enrich our experience of the present, and guide us into the future. ”

CURRENT CAREER
Organization: Toronto International Film Festival
Title: Manager, TIFF Cinematheque

CAREER OVERVIEW
TIFF Cinematheque provides carefully curated programmes dedicated to the appreciation and understanding of Canadian and international cinema. As the Manager of the Cinematheque's programming, I oversee the administration and successful execution of over 600 screenings, special events, and educational initiatives every year. I book film prints from major Hollywood studios, film archives, and distributors from around the world, and have organized guest appearances from filmmakers, actors, scholars and critics. Beyond my work with TIFF, I serve on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Filmmakers Distribution Centre, which has the country's largest collection of experimental, documentary and queer film & video art, and am a regular contributor to Cinema Scope magazine.

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