

# GAIN PERSPECTIVE ON THE PRESENT THROUGH STUDY OF THE PAST



# HISTORY

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# HISTORY

**HISTORY IS ABOUT CHANGE.** Studying the past reveals the fundamental changeability of social and political forms and lets us see the present differently, and imagine different futures.

History is also about variety. Studying the past reveals an incredible variety across social worlds, many radically, exotically different from our own and yet fully comprehensible as human. Studying this variety, much like studying change, puts our own present in perspective and reminds us that futures are not fixed.

Professors in the History Department will help you discover the rich variety of these changes, while helping you develop the tools to understand, analyze, and assess their complexity. As historians must be able to communicate their analyses and arguments clearly and convincingly, Dalhousie's History faculty are also strongly committed to teaching our students the necessary skills – in both written and oral expression – to make their research results accessible, clear and persuasive.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HISTORY DEGREE?

An undergraduate History degree gives you the perfect foundation to pursue a wide range of careers. Whether it's journalism, law, or museum-related work, we'll help you develop the tools to find the perfect fit. Our grads include people who have gone on to careers as teachers, lawyers, business people, archivists, foreign service officers, NGO staffers, and more. Many of them are using their foundation in History to change the world today.

## WHY CHOOSE HISTORY AT DALHOUSIE?

- **We have range.** Our courses cover everything from our new emphasis on transnational history, to our rich base in British, European, Russian, African, Middle Eastern, Atlantic World history, and the history of the Americas.
- **We're interdisciplinary.** You can broaden your studies by taking courses in related programs such as European Studies, International Development Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Law and Society, Popular Culture, Canadian Studies, Russian Studies, and Sustainability.

- **We're recognized.** Our award-winning faculty are doing groundbreaking research supported by national and international funding agencies.
- **We're interesting.** You'll share the classroom with peers from diverse backgrounds across Canada and the globe.
- **We're tight-knit.** Our low faculty-to-student ratio and small class sizes (upper-level ones can have as few as 8-10 students) create a rich learning environment with plenty of one-on-one interaction.
- **We're flexible.** You can tailor your own program to combine your various interests within our minor, major, double major, honours, and combined honours program options.
- **We're steeped in history.** When you study history at Dal, you can walk out your front door and immerse yourself in one of Canada's oldest cities and all that it has to offer.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The History department offers its students a number of awards, including several essay prizes and scholarships for students funded by generous alumni.

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