

# Bachelor of Arts

## BA with a History Major

### Why major in History at CMU?

The study of history enables students to understand various movements throughout time that have shaped and formed the world in which we live. It explores the influence of culture, religion, politics, economics, and other forces, largely from the emergence of written texts to the present time.

Studies in history include inquiry into the formation of Western civilization, as well as the formation and intersections of global civilizations. Getting to know who we and our global neighbours have been and where we have come from, is critical for developing a well-informed worldview, and considering how the past shapes our future.

### Program Strengths

CMU offers a strong set of courses in North American history with attention given to many aspects of history, including religion, politics, and culture. Our courses in Canadian and American history are excellent teachables for students considering a career in education.

CMU's history program includes studies in:

- Methodology
- North American Studies
- Indigenous Studies
- Western Civilization
- History of Religions
- Latin American History

History students at CMU can expect to receive guidance from faculty who work closely with students in developing research and writing skills, which are essential for academic success. Additionally, practicum placements provide students with opportunities to develop their skills and build professional connections for future professional success.

### Career Paths

- Archivist
- Conservator
- Curator
- Heritage interpreter
- Collections manager
- Program director
- Public relations director
- Teacher
- Editor
- Public affairs reporter
- Research assistant
- Librarian
- Administrator
- Museum educator

### Skills Developed

- Interpreting primary and secondary texts
- Knowledge of historical time periods
- Cross-cultural awareness
- Capacity to interpret past and present
- Ability to assess conflicting interpretations
- Communicating complex ideas
- Strong oral and written expression
- Ability to synthesize information
- Critical thinking
- Time management
- Organization and research ability

## History Programs

CMU offers programs in History including:

- Major in History within the four-year Bachelor of Arts
- Major in History within the three-year Bachelor of Arts
- Minor in History within the Bachelor of Arts

## Courses in the History Program

- History of the West in a Global Context
- History of Science
- History of Colonial Canada
- History of the Canadian Nation since 1867
- History of Indigenous Peoples of Canada
- Religion and Conflict in Historical Perspective
- History of the Developing World
- Mennonites in Europe
- Mennonites in Canada and the United States
- History of the United States
- The Fifties and Sixties – North America Cold, Cool and Radical
- History of Art and Culture – Classical to Late Medieval
- History of Art and Culture – Renaissance to the Present
- Renaissance and Reformation
- Religion in Canadian History
- Theory and Methods of History

Course descriptions can be found on the CMU website. Contact the admissions department with further questions.

In addition to specific history courses, students will take courses in the social sciences, sciences, and Biblical and Theological Studies as part of their degree.

A work-integrated learning course is required in every degree at CMU. This practicum can be done as an intensive 12-week placement or a once-a-week placement over 20 weeks during the school year. The work placement can help students explore the field they are majoring in for career possibilities or it can provide a way to expand their experiences in a field they haven't thought about before.