

### **Program Overview**

The three-year Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in History has been designed for individuals who seek a broad and extensive interdisciplinary education in the liberal arts tradition. The concentration in History equips students with the skills needed to uncover and analyze the events, processes and ideas which shape the past and to appreciate how an understanding of the past helps inform the present and the future. Through the study of change and continuity over time and place, students acquire an ability to look at the past from different angles and perspectives and to employ a variety of analytical tools and methods in interpreting human affairs and institutions. This degree culminates in a full-year seminar that affords students the opportunity to consolidate their learning through an interdisciplinary project.

Students in the program will have the opportunity to meet the following objectives through the History concentration requirements:

1. gain historical knowledge across regions and nations, time periods and approaches to the study of History
2. critically evaluate secondary sources and engage in major historiographical debates
3. identify, analyze and interpret primary sources
4. analyze complex historical problems and synthesize insights from a variety of source materials
5. apply historical theories and models
6. understand the different research methodologies used by historians
7. organize and report research and communicate findings through effective and persuasive arguments.

The program reflects the commitment of St. Mary's University College to a liberal education as valuable for its own sake since it provides individuals the opportunity to discover and eventually realize their human potential. In addition to providing personal fulfillment, the program prepares students to think critically and communicate clearly. The research, writing, analytical and problem-solving skills that History students acquire are highly desirable in all forms of public and private employment. History graduates are especially well-qualified to pursue careers in teaching, government, business, law, journalism, library and archival science and in the museum and heritage fields.

### **Admission**

New students may apply directly to the program when they apply for admission. Current Liberal Arts and Sciences students, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0, must complete a *Program Information Form* available through the Enrolment Services office.

### **Program Requirements**

Once admitted to the degree program, students will be assigned a program advisor and provided with contact information. Students are strongly recommended to meet with their advisor on a regular basis throughout the program. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have met the requirements for graduation.

This planning guide is designed to help students keep track of their progress in meeting degree requirements. Course descriptions may be found in either the St. Mary's University College online calendar or hard copy calendar.

**A. Liberal Arts Core (18 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 200: Literature in English from the Middle Ages to the Present (6 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIST 200: History of Ideas (6 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ PHIL 351: Ethics (3 credits)
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 201: Reading Biblical Texts: Meaning in the Judeo-Christian Tradition (3 credits)

**B. Special Requirements (15 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 credits in Natural & Mathematical Sciences (ASTR, BCEM, BIOL, CHEM, CPSC 215, HMKN 205, MATH, PHYS, SCIE, STAT, PSYC 312)
- \_\_\_\_\_ IDST 313: Introduction to Research Methods (3 credits) (to be taken in second year)
- \_\_\_\_\_ IDST 400: Interdisciplinary Seminar (6 credits) (to be taken in the final year of the program)

**C. History Requirements (30 credits)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6 credits in Introductory History (HIST 201, 203, 205, 207)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits in Canadian History (HIST 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 353, 357, IDST 333)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits in European History (HIST 321, 323, 329, 331, 333)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits in North American History (HIST 351, 363, 365)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 3 credits in World/Other History (HIST 301, 327, 377, 395)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 12 additional senior credits in History from any field above or any of CLAS 315, PHIL 399, THEO 343, 345 and 347
- NOTE: HIST 499: Directed Reading on a Historical Topic may be used to satisfy one of the History Requirements

**D. Electives (27 credits)**

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**90 Credit Degree**

**Junior/Senior Requirements**

No more than 45 credits may be taken at the 200 level for credit towards the degree; 45 credits must be taken at the 300/400 level.

**Program Standing**

In order to remain in the program, you must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 and a cumulative GPA of 2.00 in senior History courses. Students who do not meet these requirements may not graduate.

**Residence Requirement**

All students must complete at least 45 credits at St. Mary's University College.

**Graduation**

In your final term of study, you must submit an Application to Graduate. Application forms are available at the Enrolment Services Office or on our website: www.stmu.ab.ca.

Deadline to submit applications for June 2012 convocation is April 1, 2012.

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This guide is for your convenience only and should not replace the St. Mary's University College Calendar, which is the final authority regarding degree program requirements and academic regulations.

