



# HISTORY

Investigate. Advocate.  
Transform.



**Huron**  
AT WESTERN

# UNDERSTAND THE PAST

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE



IN A WORLD ROCKED BY QUESTIONS ABOUT TRUTH, EVIDENCE AND THE NATURE OF HUMAN UNDERSTANDING, **HISTORY MATTERS.**

Studying History at Huron fosters empathy, brings precision and energy to your writing, and connects you to professional networks. It prepares Leaders with Heart for critical and engaged citizenship.

History at Huron places students at the heart of world-class research on democracy, racial and gender equality, the repairing of relationships with Indigenous peoples, and the future of human freedom. Studying History at Huron will shake up easy expectations about what History means and why it matters to us, right here and right now.

## THE HURON ADVANTAGE

**HISTORY AT HURON IS A DYNAMIC AND EXCITING DEPARTMENT THAT OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR HANDS-ON ARCHIVAL RESEARCH, DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP, FIELD TRIPS, FUNDED RESEARCH TRAVEL, LOCAL AND GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION WITH FACULTY.**

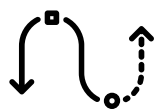
Our Joint Minor in Public History and Huron's new Interdisciplinary Minor in the History of the Book take your studies to the leading edge of research in the Humanities.

Our innovative, research-driven and award-winning teaching will transform the way you think about the past and the way you see the present.



*"History at Huron? I think I couldn't have picked a better program; I couldn't have picked a better department. Everyone has been really supportive and also really challenging to the way that we think about History. There's a focus on social history, history from the bottom up, which I think is a much more equitable way of telling history. I think it's also more interesting that History at Huron tends to be very story-focussed rather than data-focussed. And then on top of just how they're teaching and what they're teaching, there's lots of opportunities to get involved. I was hired to work on the Letterpress Studio that we have now, on our own antique letter presses."*

**LAUREN STOYLES** | STUDENT  
History and French  
Peterborough, Ontario



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Every Huron History student participates in experiential research as part of learning the historian's craft. Recent examples include:

### PHANTOMS OF THE PAST

Slavery and Resistance, History and Memory in the Atlantic World: Students travel to the UK to conduct field work and present their research on 18th and 19th-century enslavement and antislavery activism. The project examines complex interactions of histories, texts, images, and cultural memory.

### LETTERPRESS STUDIO

Have an eye for design? Interested in the history of print communication. Huron's letterpress studio provides students with a maker space to work on early-20th century printing presses. Here students can work on class projects or something of their own.

### LAKE ERIE BORDERLANDS FIELD SCHOOL

Each October, students are invited to attend a two-day field school in the Lake Erie Borderlands to deepen their understanding of the region's complex Indigenous, Black, and settler colonial pasts.

### PREPARING YOU FOR THE FUTURE:

History leads the humanities in preparing students for careers in law, management, public service, and education, but beyond those pathways, you'll find your History program gives you the flexibility and experience to take on any career you can imagine. Our History alumni have outstanding records in graduate and professional studies after Huron, and are employed in a range of fields, from digital communications, journalism, film and publishing to urban planning and global health policy.

### PUBLIC HISTORY CAREERS:

Our Joint Minor in Public History (PH) is the first undergraduate program of its kind in Canada. The PH program at Huron introduces you to the dynamic and growing field of Public History. Hands-on History experience prepares you for professional study on your way to a career in public policy, archival management, museum and curatorial practice, heritage, design and more.

## SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES



**Are you a high-achieving, self-motivated student interested in pursuing independent research?**

Apply to be a part of this community of scholars that fosters research skills and collaboration.

[huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program](http://huronatwestern.ca/scholars-electives-program)



***“Never underestimate the value of a History degree – especially at Huron. Two key things in the department that sets it apart: the experiential learning program and close-knit collaborations between students and professors. At Huron, you express where you want to go and the History Department will do whatever it takes to help you get these. Not only did this program enable me to learn a lot of valuable skills through paid positions, but it demonstrated how journalism and history collide – a relationship that has defined much of my career.”***

### MEGAN MCPHADEN '16

Major in History  
Managing Editor, Cottage Life Media  
Pickering, Ontario



## RESEARCH TRAVEL

Learn more about our ongoing Oberlin College Archives partnership, our other in-course travel opportunities, research assistantships, travel fellowships in British History, student-faculty co-authored publications and undergraduate research conferences at [huronresearch.ca/history](http://huronresearch.ca/history)

# FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

**YOUR FIRST YEAR IS ALL ABOUT EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.**

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

PROGRAM OPTIONS	Honours Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
History	✓	✓	✓	✓
Atlantic World				✓
Histories of Africa and African Diasporas				✓
History of the Book				✓
Pacific Rim Studies				✓
Public History				✓
Studies in Imperialism				✓
World History				✓
Chinese History				✓



## NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!

[huronatwestern.ca/career-development](http://huronatwestern.ca/career-development)

## FIRST-YEAR COURSES

- History in the Headlines
- Treasure: Objects of Desire
- The People's Histories
- Histories of Love
- Histories of Violence
- A Few Words that Changed the World

## SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses  Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1021A</b> Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1021A</b> Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b> <b>Economics 1021A</b> Principles of Microeconomics <i>0.50 credit</i>
<b>11:30am – 12:30pm</b> <b>History 1815F</b> Histories of Love <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>11:30am – 1:30pm</b> <b>History 1815F</b> Histories of Love <i>0.50 credit</i>	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology <i>1.00 credit</i>	
<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Psychology 1100E</b> Method & Theory in General Psychology Lab <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>3:30pm – 4:30pm</b> <b>English 1042E</b> Literature and Cultural Representations <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>1:30pm – 2:30pm</b> <b>Political Science 1020E</b> Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>	<b>2:30pm – 3:30pm</b> <b>English 1042E</b> Literature and Cultural Representations <i>1.00 credit</i>	
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As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor or major in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, or a specialization, major or minor in a range of Huron programs such as:

- Governance, Leadership & Ethics
- English & Cultural Studies
- Centre for Global Studies
- Philosophy
- French
- Political Science
- East Asia Studies
- Global Great Books



*“Whether you study the clash of global empires or explore family life in small villages, history is filled with strange, terrible, and wonderful human stories that teach us vital lessons about our world. I delight in helping students master the skills needed to uncover and interpret evidence from the past. My goals are to challenge students to think critically about how the past shapes our present, and to guide students to discover history’s tragedies, triumphs, and mysteries for themselves.”*

**DR. TIM COMPEAU**  
Assistant Professor, History



## HISTORY AT HURON & IVEY

In collaboration with the Ivey School of Business, Huron offers five-year combined degrees, in which students earn both an Honours Business Administration (HBA) degree and an Honours Specialization Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History.

[huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey](http://huronatwestern.ca/form-centre/ivey)



## HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard’s Online Business School.

[huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online](http://huronatwestern.ca/harvard-online)



## FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Huron’s faculty are experienced researchers and mentors. Here are some of their areas of expertise:

### DR. AMY BELL

Histories of emotions and histories of violence; crime scene photography; the emotional geography of suicide pacts; ectoplasmic mediums.

### DR. TIM COMPEAU

Revolution and Global Empires; Cultural History of Honour and British Loyalism in the Atlantic World; Public History and Popular Perceptions of the Past.

### DR. JUN FANG

History of China, East Asia and the non-Western world; modern China; the Nanjing Massacre.

### DR. THOMAS PEACE, Chair

North American Indigenous Histories, History of Education, Settler Colonialism, Canadian and Community History, Digital mapping, Social Network Analysis.

### DR. GEOFF READ

World history; European history; histories of imperialism; race, gender, and politics in interwar France; Métis identity in the transatlantic world.

### DR. NINA REID-MARONEY

Intellectual history; the American Enlightenment; women and religion; the Black Press in Canada; gender, race and transatlantic antislavery movements.

## AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Canada: Crises and Confederation
- Ten Days that Shook the World
- American Modern: the US in the 20th Century
- Patterns and Perspectives in World History
- Tyrants: Profiles in Oppression and Resistance
- Political Assassinations
- First Peoples and Colonialism in Canada
- American Dreams: Radicals and Reformers
- Secrets, Spies and Surveillance
- Masculinity and Modern History
- London UK: Crime and Disorder
- War and Memory in East Asia
- The Movement: Civil Rights and African American History
- British Empire: Sex, Books, and Violence
- California Calling: The Golden State in Text and Image
- Spiritualism, Séances, and the Occult
- Engaging the Past: Historical Documentary Filmmaking

## EARN & LEARN

Huron History students learn transferable skills that qualify upper-year students to apply for valuable research fellowships through our innovative Huron Community History Centre. Shape your field of study alongside History faculty and community researchers in a collaborative research centre, and build a portfolio of work experience that will carry you forward beyond your Huron career.

### HURON COMMUNITY HISTORY CENTRE (HCHC)

Apply in your upper years for a prestigious HCHC Research Fellowship, offering full-time summer employment, community engagement and faculty research mentorship.

### THE HURON HISTORY SOCIETY

is open to all students at Huron, and offers mentorship to History students along with a range of academic and social events, including films, speakers and a twice-yearly epic trivia night.

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

History students at Huron are eligible for a range of open awards across disciplines, and for specialized History awards and scholarships including:

- The Duncanson Family Scholarship in History
- The Godsoe Family Scholarships of Distinction in Economics and History
- The Jack Blocker Prize in U.S. History
- The John Lanceley Hodge Henderson Prize in Canadian History
- The Douglas Leighton Prize for First Nations History
- The Sarah Ann Martin Memorial Award
- The Gary Owens Prize in British History
- The Colin Read Prize for Canadian History
- The John Gordon Rowe Prize
- The Huron History Alumni Prize
- The Book Prize in Chinese History
- The Medline/Dalglish Prize in History
- The Huron Community History Centre Award for Public History
- Book Prize for East Asian Women's History

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