

# NIPISSING

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North Bay, Ontario

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Master of Arts in History



## Program Description

The Master of Arts in History program consists of course work, a Major Research Paper, and a presentation of research at the annual Graduate Student Conference. It is offered as both a one-year fulltime program and on a multi-year flex-time basis.

Our program centres on the following fields of concentration—International, Gender, Canadian, European, and Environmental History. Our dynamic and award-winning faculty has expertise in areas that include oral history, environmental history, the history of genocide, indigenous studies and community history, foreign relations and politics, military history and the history of espionage. The History department cultivates a collaborative and supportive environment where you have the opportunity to work in a meaningful capacity alongside faculty members as a teaching or research assistant. Promoting a strong community is also important to our department. The department's History Society organizes a range of social and academic activities that brings together undergraduate and graduate students with faculty, and the department regularly hosts a seminar series to share research among university faculty and students.

## Streams/Specializations

Drawing on the expertise of faculty members, the Master of Arts in History offers five fields of concentration:

### International History

Our International History concentration offers three major areas of focus. The first analyzes the conflict and state violence in the modern age, the second examines the study of international law and war crimes tribunals.

The third focuses on foreign policy and international relations, specifically in Great Britain, Canada, the United States, the Soviet Union, Germany, and France.

### Gender History

Our Gender History concentration investigates gender in a range of contexts across historical periods and geographic boundaries. Scholars examine the impact of constructions of gender on work, family relations, religion, the military, and sexuality.

### Canadian History

For any given period from colonial times to the present, the Canadian course will focus on a theme relevant to today's world such as the state and resource development, the environment and food, the family, oral history, and colonization and decolonization.

### European History

Our European History concentration examines Europe from the medieval to the modern era. Our faculty have expertise in the national histories of Britain, Germany, and Russia, as well as topics such as state violence war and society, the Holocaust and comparative genocide studies, military history, and the history of medieval Europe.

### Environmental History

Explore environmental history as a sub-field of history, focusing on the challenge it poses to other, human-centered subfields of history, as well as its links to historical geography and the environmental sciences.





## Why Nipissing?

As a graduate student, you will enjoy the guidance you receive from dedicated faculty. You will be supported by professors who regularly win external funding and recognition, and who are readily accessible to help you focus on your research and navigate your way to success. Our Master of Arts in History program is different from other university programs in that we offer an exceptionally well-rounded educational experience that combines broad field courses with a specialized research area.

Another unique feature is our methods class where you will meet with the entire faculty to refine your topics and research. Past MRP's include "Being Resilient, Being Reliable, and Being Resourceful: Voices of Citizen-Soldiers of The Algonquin Regiment, 1960s to 1990s", "Just Afflictions: Representations of Identity, Illness, and Pain in Four Seventeenth-Century English Diaries", "They put on police hats, they put on these high boots and they were in the police": Holocaust Survivors' Memories of the Jewish Ghetto Police, 1939-1944", "A Union Through Chains: Slavery and Meanings of the United States Constitution", "The Circle is Strong: Family, Identity, and the Child Welfare System" and "Alan Freeth Coventry (1888-1973): Science, Power, and Nature in Temagami, Ontario."

We carefully match our students to professors with compatible interests. It's also no surprise that our high faculty-to-student ratio at Nipissing translates into providing more individualized attention to you and your research as a graduate student. Our annual Graduate Research Conference offers you an opportunity to present your research to your peers. You may also consider testing out the routines of the academic world by attaining a paid position as a research or teaching assistant. In addition, our students regularly succeed in external funding competitions. Equally impressive is the impact that living and studying within our natural setting and on such a beautiful campus has on students, faculty, staff and visitors alike. Located on a stunning 291 hectares of Canadian Shield forest, surrounded by fresh-water lakes, ponds, waterfall, hiking and ski trails – just steps outside the door – Nipissing has the perfect environment in which to find the focus you need to achieve your academic goals.

## Our Facilities

Working concomitantly with attentive faculty and a supportive community, Nipissing also offers physical spaces that are conducive to productive research. Our graduate students learn and teach in state-of-the-art classrooms, seminar rooms and research labs. Our graduate student lounge and interdisciplinary office provide you with a dedicated space to meet and collaborate. In addition, the Harris Learning Library provides 56,000 square feet of bright and modern physical study space with a learning commons, adaptive technology area, and collaborative work spaces. You will forever appreciate all assistance from the collegially-minded staff, convenient digital and expansive print collections contained within. Graduate students are also encouraged to actively participate with the Centre for the Study of war, Atrocity and Genocide (C-WAG), an History Department initiative to bring together communities of scholars, researchers and students focused on the study of state violence.

## Careers

Some of our Master of Arts in History graduates follow a traditional path: gone on to doctoral studies, become teachers, or taken on advanced research positions in a variety of fields including such as politics; heritage; the environment, law and government service. In these roles, they achieve success and stability. And the others? They work in business: quantitative analytics experts for hedge funds; continuous improvement specialists for corporate turnarounds; project managers for engineering firms; functional managers for small and medium sized businesses. History students have some of the widest career prospects of any degree.



## Application & Deadlines

For information on deadlines and how to apply, visit our website at:  
[www.nipissingu.ca/graduatestudies](http://www.nipissingu.ca/graduatestudies)

## Financial Aid

Funding is available to graduate students from both internal and external sources. Internal funding includes teaching/research assistantships, faculty research grants, and Nipissing Graduate Scholarships. The value of these scholarships varies. Students are also encouraged to compete for scholarships from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS), the Canada Graduate Scholarship, and the Mackenzie King Memorial Scholarship.

For more information on scholarships, visit:  
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