

Department of History
FIRST YEAR SURVEY

1. In which Faculty or College are you enrolled?

Arts & Humanities
Engineering
Health Sciences
Information & Media
Music
Science
Social Science
Brescia University
Huron University College
Kings University College

2. In which first year history course are you enrolled? Please check all that apply.

HIS 1401E
HIS 1601E
HIS 1803E
HIS 1805E
HIS 1810E

3. Why did you pick this particular first year history course? Please check all that apply.

the topic or theme
the geographical region
the instructors
the assignments
it would be good preparation for upper year courses
it worked with your timetable
it fulfilled the A-B-C breadth requirement, i.e, 1.0 course in Social Science
it fulfilled the first-year essay requirement
advice of family/friends
other – please explain

4. How does this course compare with your high school history courses? Please check all that apply.

the lecture content is new
the assignments are more challenging
there is more emphasis on primary sources
there is more emphasis on secondary sources
there is more emphasis on research skills development
there is more emphasis on critical thinking
there is more emphasis on writing
not very different
other – please explain

5. How well do you think high school prepared you for studying history at university?

- very well
- fairly well
- not well
- badly

6. What other kinds of subjects would you like to study in a first year history course? Please check all that apply.

- the history of religion and belief
- the history of business and commerce
- the history of work and labour
- the history of war
- the history of the international community
- the history of individual nations or states
- the history of disease and health
- the history of science and technology
- the history of the family
- the history of gender and sexuality
- the history of the environment
- other (please specify): _____

7. Which geographical areas would you have liked to study in a first year history course? Please check all that apply.

- Canada
- United States
- Latin America
- Europe
- Asia (China, Japan, Korea)
- South and Southeast Asia (eg India, Vietnam)
- Middle East
- Africa

8. Do you think that first year courses should be broad survey courses covering several hundred years and many countries or more in-depth analysis of specific issues and events?

- broad surveys
- in depth and specific

9. Do you plan to continue your studies in history?

- Yes No

10. If yes, do you plan to complete a module or simply take courses for interest?

- module
- interest

11. If you plan to complete a module, which of these will you choose?

- History Minor
- History Major

History Specialization
History Honors Specialization
International Relations Honors Specialization
Jewish Studies Major
Jewish Studies Minor
Latin American Studies Minor
Middle East Studies Major

12. If you have no plans to take further history courses, why not? Please check all that apply.

not interested in history
didn't enjoy my first-year course
not enough courses that interest me in the upper years
not enough flexibility in the course choices in upper years
not enough programme structure in the upper years
more interested in another subject
too much reading
too much writing
no job opportunities after university
other (please explain)

13. How many essay courses are you taking this year?

1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0

14. What is the ideal number of essay courses to take in one academic year?

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15. Do you have any further suggestions or comments?