

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES - HISTORY

Competencies are the skills, knowledge and attributes gained through every work, educational, volunteer and life experience.

UVic students in the [History](#) program develop the following program-specific competencies. We worked with the Department of History to develop this document.

HISTORICAL AWARENESS

Demonstrates awareness of historical events and issues with a focus on Canadian, American, British, European, Asian, world and comparative history

- + Assesses patterns of change and continuity over time
- + Develops arguments on the basis of historical evidence, especially in documentary, oral and visual form
- + Critically evaluates historical information, documents and artifacts
- + Develops an understanding of the relationships among historical events and issues

HISTORICAL METHOD

Employs a systematic method of enquiry in order to understand and interpret historical events and issues

- + Understands and applies major critical approaches to the interpretation of history
- + Understands past events or issues in their historical and historiographic context
- + Understands how the study of history involves interpretation of the past based on current perspectives
- + Re-evaluates existing understandings of the past as new information and new interpretations of old information arise

POLITICAL AND MILITARY PERSPECTIVE

Understands and interprets historical events and issues in their political and military contexts

- + Recognizes how differing political and military perspectives of the past and the present influence the interpretation of events and issues
- + Applies a knowledge of different political systems, different economic systems and different legal systems to understand historical events and issues
- + Analyzes the role that imperialism, nationalism, industrialization and globalization play in different historical eras and in different geographic regions

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE

Understands and interprets historical events and issues in their social and cultural contexts

- + Recognizes how differing social and cultural perspectives of the past and the present influence the interpretation of events and issues
- + Analyzes the roles that gender, race, class, religion, nationality and ethnicity play in different historical eras and in different geographic regions
- + Analyzes the roles that art, literature, science and technology play in different historical eras and in different geographic regions