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