

## 2024W History Graduate Course Schedule (Updated: May 28, 2024)

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### Graduate Course Schedule (2024-2025)

Graduate Courses Term 1 (Sep.1.2024 to Dec.31.2024)				
2024W Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	<b>HIST 525, Section 101 Professional Development For Historians</b> Bonnie Effros Mon, 9:30AM-12:00PM Buchanan Tower 1226	<b>HIST 585A, Section 101 Topics in Cultural History</b> Kelly McCormick Tues, 10:00AM-12:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112	<b>HIST 586A, Section 101 Topics in Intellectual History</b> Timothy Cheek Wed, 9:30AM-12:00PM Buchanan Tower 1133	
Afternoon	<b>HIST 581D, Section 101 Topics in Science, Technology, and Society</b> Alexei Kojevnikov Mon, 2:00PM-4:30PM Buchanan Tower 1133		<b>HIST 548D, Section 101 Historiography</b> Shoufu Yin Wed, 2:00PM-4:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112	
			<b>HIST 599, Section 101 MA Research Seminar</b> Robert Brain Wed, 2:00PM-4:30PM Buchanan Tower 1226	
Evening				<b>HIST 589, Section 101 Readings in Environmental History</b> Tina Loo & Tina Adcock Thur, 5:00PM-8:00PM SFU Vancouver Campus Room (TBD)

Graduate Courses Term 2 (Jan.1.2025 to Apr.30.2025)				
2024W Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	<b>HIST 575A, Section 201 Readings in International &amp; Global History</b> John Roosa Mon, 9:30AM-12:00PM Buchanan Tower 1112			
Afternoon		<b>HIST 595B, Section 201 Public History</b> Henry Yu Tue, 3:00PM-5:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112	<b>HIST 699, Section 201 PhD Research Seminar</b> Robert Brain Wed, 1:00PM-3:30PM Buchanan Tower 1226	

## Term 1 Graduate Course Descriptions:

### 2024 Winter Term 1 Courses (September to December)

Course	Description
<p><b>HIST 525, Section 101</b> Dr. Bonnie Effros <a href="mailto:bonnie.effros@ubc.ca">bonnie.effros@ubc.ca</a></p> <p>Monday 9:30AM-12:00PM Buchanan Tower 1226</p>	<p><b>Professional Development for Historians</b> <i>All sessions of this seminar will be taught in person; some of our alumni guest speakers may be speaking to us remotely depending upon their locations and work schedules.</i></p> <p><b>Course Description:</b> This seminar is required of all doctoral students and is encouraged among our MA students. It is an introduction to the structural and professional aspects of the discipline of history, and is meant to make students more aware of some of the challenges and trends that currently exist in the field. Students will also have the opportunity to meet with alumni of our MA and PhD programs who are working in a variety of areas, including academia, museums, archives, libraries, government positions, and the private sector. Assignments include creating a timeline of goals for graduate study, creating a professional CV or resumé and cover letter for a position, composing a paper proposal for a conference, and writing a scaled-down grant application. Participation in course discussions is also a key piece of the seminar.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> PhD Students: Mandatory course in Year 1 of PhD program. MA Students: Optional course for MA students</p>
<p><b>HIST 547D, Term 1</b> See Description</p>	<p><b>History Directed Readings Course</b></p> <p><b>Course Description:</b> HIST 547D courses represent one-on-one directed reading courses with a professor. In general, these courses are done with a supervisor and their student if there are no suitable graduate courses available for the student. When a professor (usually the supervisor) agrees to do a directed readings course with their student, <b>the professor notifies the graduate program assistant to set up student registration for the course.</b></p>
<p><b>HIST 548D, Section 101</b> Dr. Shoufu Yin <a href="mailto:shoufu.yin@ubc.ca">shoufu.yin@ubc.ca</a></p> <p>Wednesday 2:00PM-4:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112</p>	<p><b>Historiography</b> <i>Course is restricted to History Graduate Students. Non-history graduate students are required to contact the instructor to request permission (please include reasons for taking the course) to register into the course. Failure to receive permission to register into the course will result in de-registration.</i></p> <p><b>Course Description:</b> The Historiography seminar involves an intense introduction to varieties of historical writing and the philosophic assumptions behind historical thinking.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> PhD Students: Students who have not previously taken a graduate-level historiography course must choose Historiography (HIST 548) as one of their three courses. MA Students: Mandatory course in Year 1 of the MA program.</p>
<p><b>HIST 581D, Section 101</b> Alexei Kojevnikov <a href="mailto:a.nikov@ubc.ca">a.nikov@ubc.ca</a></p> <p>Monday 2:00PM-4:30PM Buchanan Tower 1133</p>	<p><b>Topics in Science, Technology, and Society</b> <i>This course is cross-listed with STS 501, 001.</i></p> <p><b>Course Description:</b> Technology and scientific knowledge have arguably been the major source of historical change and social development in human civilizations, either ancient, modern, or postmodern. The main crises of today – climate, pandemics, militarism, virtualization of reality, racism and decolonization – all involve scientific and technological aspects and expertise as critically important factors. The seminar serves as the introduction to the multi-disciplinary field of STS (science and technology studies) and will examine classic works in history, philosophy, rhetoric, anthropology and sociology of science and technology, introducing basic methodological approaches (the strong program, feminist, post-colonial, actor-network theory, etc.) and authors, such as Thomas Kuhn, Lorraine Daston, Ian Hacking, Gyan Prakash, Bruno Latour, Simon Schaffer, Londa Schiebinger, and others. The seminar is required for graduate students in the STS Program and welcomes students from other departments and fields who are interested in STS-related topics. No prerequisite background in STS is assumed. Written assignments consist of short weekly think-pieces and the final course paper.</p>

<p><b>HIST 585A, Section 101</b>  Kelly McCormick  <a href="mailto:kelly.mccormick@ubc.ca">kelly.mccormick@ubc.ca</a></p> <p>Tuesday  10:00AM-12:30PM  Buchanan Tower 1112</p>	<p><b>Topics in Cultural History</b>  <i>This seminar requires in-person attendance and occasional field trips to archives within Metro Vancouver.</i></p> <p><b>Course title:</b>  Topics in Cultural History: “Evidence: Photography and Criminality”</p> <p><b>Course description:</b>  This interdisciplinary course explores the role of photographs as evidence, testimony, documentation, and their role in constructing ideas about criminality in the 19th and 20th centuries. This history of photography amplifies perspectives from around the globe by exploring scholarship on photographs and modern law through crime scene photography, photographs used as evidence in criminal court cases, and documentation of atrocities. We will also explore dominant narratives around photography and policing through early ideas around mugshot photographs and using photographic identification documents to exclude communities from citizenship. How might we critically examine local and international archives to understand what evidence of crime they hold or resist? This seminar will pair thematic readings with visits to local archives in Vancouver including UBC’s Rare Books and Special Collections, the Vancouver Public Library, the Chinese Canadian Museum, and the Vancouver Police Museum.</p>
<p><b>HIST 586A, Section 101</b>  Timothy Cheek  <a href="mailto:t.cheek@ubc.ca">t.cheek@ubc.ca</a></p> <p>Wednesday  9:30AM-12:00PM  Buchanan Tower 1133</p>	<p><b>Topics in Intellectual History</b></p> <p><b>Course title:</b>  Mao &amp; Memory</p> <p><b>Course Description:</b>  Mao Zedong, the revolutionary leader of the Chinese Communist Party and founder of the People’s Republic of China, remains a protean and contested figure today. In public memory and millions of private memories both inside China and beyond, Mao plays a complicated role sometimes savior, sometimes monster, but often defining how one thinks not only of the man and the revolution he came to lead but also China and its place in the world. Mao is central to modern Chinese history but also plays a role in radical politics in Europe, America, and the Global South. This seminar engages the methodological issues of political and historical memory, intellectual biography, and cross-cultural appropriation of ideas, images, and narratives. We will use Mao as our case study, however this course is intended for graduate students interested in intellectual history and the role of memory. Expertise in Chinese history is not required after all, we will be studying memory!</p>
<p><b>HIST 589, Section 101</b>  Tina Loo  <a href="mailto:tina.loo@ubc.ca">tina.loo@ubc.ca</a></p> <p>Tina Adcock (SFU)  <a href="mailto:tina.adcock@sfu.ca">tina.adcock@sfu.ca</a></p> <p>Thursday  5:00PM-8:00PM  SFU Vancouver Campus  Room (TBD)</p>	<p><b>Readings in Environmental History</b>  <i>This course will be taught jointly with Simon Fraser University and will be held at Simon Fraser's Downtown Campus (Harbour Centre).</i></p> <p><b>Venue:</b>  Roo: HCC 2290  SFU Harbour Centre Campus (HCC)  515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5K3</p> <p><b>Course Description:</b>  THEMES IN GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY is a seminar aimed at introducing students to how relationships between humans and the natural world have changed over time and space, from the early modern period to the twenty-first century, and across continents. The course will take a thematic approach, highlighting how people have changed the physical environment and how it in turn has shaped and subverted human possibilities, in the contexts of resource extraction, colonization, and industrialization, among other processes. It assumes no prior knowledge of environmental history. Indeed, one of the goals of the course is to show you, as historians with a range of interests, what an environmental history approach brings to the discipline of history, both methodologically and conceptually.</p>
<p><b>HIST 599, Section 101</b>  Robert Brain  <a href="mailto:robert.brain@ubc.ca">robert.brain@ubc.ca</a></p> <p>Wednesday  2:00PM-4:30PM  Buchanan Tower 1226</p>	<p><b>MA Research Seminar</b>  <i>Course restricted to history graduate students. Non-history graduate students are required to contact the instructor to request permission (please include reasons for taking the course) to register into the course. Failure to receive permission to register into the course will result in de-registration.</i></p> <p><b>Course Description:</b>  The MA Research seminar serves as a writing that provides a measure of structure and support for the work of the MA thesis. Students will develop and complete a scholarly article as a template for the longer project. The assignments suitable and useful for any stage of the research/writing process. The seminar also aims to build skills of support and collegiality in the MA cohort.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>  MA Students: Mandatory course taken in Year 2 of MA program. Course restricted to MA, HIST students.</p>

## Term 2 Graduate Course Descriptions:

### 2024 Winter Term 2 Courses (January to April)

Course	Description
<b>HIST 547D, Term 2</b> See Description	<b>History Directed Readings Course</b>  HIST 547D courses represent one-on-one directed reading courses with a professor. In general, these courses are done with a supervisor and their student if there are no suitable graduate courses available for the student. When a professor (usually the supervisor) agrees to do a directed readings course with their student, <b>the professor notifies the graduate program assistant to set up student registration for the course.</b>
<b>HIST 575A, Section 201</b> John Roosa <a href="mailto:john.roosa@ubc.ca">john.roosa@ubc.ca</a>  Monday 9:30AM-12:00PM Buchanan Tower 1112	<b>Readings in International &amp; Global History</b>  <b>Course Title:</b> Connected Histories of Colonialism: Forced Labour and Accumulation on a Global Scale  <b>Course Description:</b> This course explores the global history of colonialism since the 1500s, asking questions about the relationship between colonialism and capitalism, and the relationships between different kinds of colonialism. How should the history of colonialism be written in conjunction with the history of capitalism? How should slavery be considered a part of capitalism? What were the connections between settler colonialism, as in the Americas, and colonial rule in Asia? How can the histories of separate European empires (British, Spanish, French, etc.) be understood within a global history of capitalism? How was international law formed as a way of regulating and making sense of the inequalities of imperial formations? The course focuses on the issue of forced labor and tries to understand the networks of power that allowed for labor in one part of the world to appear as profit in another. The readings for the course will foreground the recent works of historians who have been writing global histories of colonialism and anti-colonialism. Readings will include Amitav Ghosh, <i>The Nutmeg's Curse</i> ; Greg Grandin, <i>Empire of Necessity</i> ; Anthony Anghie, <i>Imperialism, Sovereignty, and the Making of International Law</i> ; and Mae Ngai, <i>The Chinese Question: The Gold Rushes and Global Politics</i> .
<b>HIST 595B, Section 201</b> Henry Yu <a href="mailto:henry.yu@ubc.ca">henry.yu@ubc.ca</a>  Tuesday 3:00PM-5:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112	<b>Public History</b>  <b>Course Description:</b> Course Description in Progress. Please contact Professor Yu ( <a href="mailto:henry.yu@ubc.ca">henry.yu@ubc.ca</a> ) for any questions about this course.
<b>HIST 699, Section 201</b> Robert Brain <a href="mailto:robert.brain@ubc.ca">robert.brain@ubc.ca</a>  Wednesday 1:00PM-3:30PM Buchanan Tower 1226	<b>PhD Research Seminar</b> <i>Course restricted to history graduate students. Non-history graduate students are required to contact the instructor to request permission (please include reasons for taking the course) to register into the course. Failure to receive permission to register into the course will result in de-registration.</i>  <b>Course Description:</b> The course guides students through the process of doing research for and drafting their dissertation prospectus.  <b>Note:</b> PhD Students:      Mandatory course taken in Year 1 of PhD program. Course restricted to PhD, HIST students.

## Important Notes about Registration for History Graduate Students

### 1. UBC Course Registration System:

- UBC has switched to a new student system called Workday (<http://myworkday.ubc.ca/>) for the 2024/25 academic year starting September. Please check your email for setup instructions.
- For Online tutorials for how to use Workday including student registration: <https://workday.students.ubc.ca/>

### 2. Registration Dates:

Graduate students will be eligible to register for courses on the Student Service Centre (SSC) on June 6.  
<https://students.ubc.ca/enrolment/registration/registration-dates>

### 3. MA Notes on Mandatory Courses:

- HIST 548D is a mandatory course for first year MA students
- HIST 599 is a mandatory course for second year MA students.

### 4. PhD Notes on Mandatory Courses:

- HIST 525 (PhD Professional Development Seminar) is a mandatory course for first year PhD students.
- HIST 699 (PhD Research Seminar) is a mandatory course for first year PhD students.

### 5. Maintaining continuous registration:

Graduate students at UBC **must** maintain continuous registration throughout their program to be eligible to receive their funding. When there are no more seminars to take, graduate students maintain continuous registration by registering in the appropriate thesis course section each term until the thesis/dissertation is completed:

- MA students need to register in the HIST 549 (Term 1-2) Thesis Course Section.
- PhD students need to register in the HIST 649 (Term 1-2) Dissertation Course Section.