

2025W History Graduate Course Schedule

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Graduate Course Schedule (2025-2026)

Graduate Courses Term 1 (Sep.1.2025 to Dec.31.2025)

2025W Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning		HIST_V 525, Section 101 Professional Development for Historians Michel Ducharme Tues, 10:00AM-12:30PM BUTO 1226		HIST_V 500, Section 101 Reading in Canadian History Tina Loo Thur, 10:00AM-12:30PM BUTO 1112
Afternoon			HIST_V 585A, Section 101 Topics in Cultural History Kelly McCormick Weds, 2:00PM-4:00PM BUTO 1112	HIST_V 548D, Section 101 HIST_V 548D, Section 102 Historiography Leslie Paris Thur, 2:00PM-4:30PM BUTO 1112

Graduate Courses Term 2 (Jan.1.2026 to Apr.30.2026)

2025W Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning		HIST_V 599, Section 201 MA Research Seminar Courtney Booker Tues, 10:00AM-12:30PM BUTO 1226 HIST_V 699, Section 201 PHD Research Seminar Courtney Booker Tues, 10:00AM-12:30PM BUTO 1226	HIST_V 575B, Section 201 Readings in International and Global History Anne Murphy Weds, 11:00AM-1:00PM SWNG 306	HIST_V 561, Section 201 Readings in Chinese History (Post-1911) Timothy Cheek Thur, 10:00AM-12:30PM BUTO 1112
Afternoon	HIST_V 575A, Section 201 Readings in International and Global History Robert Brain Mon, 2:00PM-4:00PM BUCH B308		HIST_V 597A, Section 201 Topics in Comparative History Bradley Miller Weds, 2:00PM-4:00PM BUCH B307	

Term 1 Graduate Course Descriptions

2025 Winter Term 1 Courses (September to December)

Course	Description
HIST_V 500, Section 101 Dr. Tina Loo tina.loo@ubc.ca Thursday 10:00AM-12:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112	Readings in Canadian History Course Description This seminar course will introduce you to some recent writing in Canadian history. While the materials we'll read and discuss will cover a diversity of authors and subjects, they are united by their provocative arguments and interesting use of theory and/or methodology.
HIST_V 525, Section 101 Dr. Michel Ducharme michel.ducharme@ubc.ca Tuesday 10:00AM-12:30PM Buchanan Tower 1226	Professional Development for Historians <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> Course Description 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.
HIST_V 547D, Term 1 See Description	History Directed Readings Course Course Description: 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, the professor notifies the graduate program assistant to set up student registration for the course.
HIST_V 548D, Section 101 HIST_V 548D, Section 102 Dr. Leslie Paris leslie.paris@ubc.ca Thursday 2:00PM-4:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112	Historiography <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> <i>History Graduate students can register in either section. Section 101 and Section 102 are taught at the same time, same location, and by the same professor.</i> <i>PhD Students: Students who have not previously taken a graduate-level historiography course must choose Historiography (HIST 548) as one of their three courses.</i> <i>MA Students: Mandatory course in Year 1 of the MA program.</i> Course Description: The Historiography seminar involves an intense introduction to varieties of historical writing and the philosophic assumptions behind historical thinking.
HIST_V 585A, Section 101 Kelly McCormick kelly.mccormick@ubc.ca Wednesday 2:00PM-4:00PM Buchanan Tower 1112	Topics in Cultural History Course Topic: History in Photo Archives Course description: How has photography changed the way that we understand and study past historical events? This interdisciplinary course focuses on photographs and their archives to explore how historians might learn to see better, how we might learn to "read" images, and how photographic images change our relationship with the past. We will combine visits to digitized and local archives (UBC Rare Books and Special Collections, City of Vancouver Archives, and class choice) with recently published research in the fields of History, Art History, Asian Studies, Information studies, and History. Reading and archive visit suggestions connected to student's research are welcome!

Term 2 Graduate Course Descriptions

2025 Winter Term 2 Courses (January to April)

Course	Description
HIST_V 547D, Term 2 See Description	History Directed Readings Course 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, the professor notifies the graduate program assistant to set up student registration for the course.
HIST_561, Section 201 Timothy Cheek t.cheek@ubc.ca Thursday 10:00AM-12:30PM Buchanan Tower 1112	Readings in Chinese History (Post-1911) Course Description: The aim of this course is to provide students with a broad-based understanding of the major debates and issues that have animated English-language scholarship on China over the course of the previous two decades. Chronologically, the course will cover China's long Twentieth Century (1890s-present). Thematically, we will consider how historians, political scientists, anthropologists, economists and others have understood and interpreted the momentous social, cultural and political transformations that have taken place within China as well as China's changing place in the world. Open to graduate students in all departments and any area focus. Precise emphases and variation in topics to be covered will be determined on the bases of students' interests.
HIST 575A, Section 201 Robert Brain robert.brain@ubc.ca Monday 2:00PM-4:00PM Buchanan B308	Readings in International & Global History Course Topic: Aids and the Birth of Global Health Course Description: This course examines how the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemic across the world in the late 20th and early 21st century upended traditional approaches to "international health" and replaced them with integrative global approaches to disease that have become known as "global health". Our approach will be historical and multidisciplinary.
HIST 575B, Section 201 Anne Murphy anne.murphy@ubc.ca Wednesday 11:00AM-1:00PM SWNG 306	Readings in International & Global History Course Topic: Global Partitions Course Description: Course Description in Progress. Please contact professor for any questions about course.
HIST 597A, Section 201 Bradley Miller bradley.miller@ubc.ca Wednesday 2:00PM-4:00PM Buchanan B307	Topics in Comparative History Course Topic: History of International Law Course Description: The History of International Adjudication: International law has taken many forms and played many roles in world history. This class examines an important aspect of that history: international adjudication. That is, we'll look at the role of international courts and tribunals. We'll examine their place in resolving disputes, the way that politics and international relations has shaped their creation and operation, as well as the arguments made to them and the decisions rendered by them.

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HIST 599, Section 201 Courtney Booker cbooker@mail.ubc.ca Tuesday 10:00AM-12:30PM Buchanan Tower 1226	MA Research Seminar <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> <i>MA Students: Mandatory course in Year 2 of the MA program.</i> Course Description: 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.
HIST 699, Section 201 Courtney Booker cbooker@mail.ubc.ca Tuesday 10:00AM-12:30PM Buchanan Tower 1226	PhD Research Seminar <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> <i>PhD Students: Mandatory course taken in Year 1 of PhD program.</i> Course Description: The course guides students through the process of doing research for and drafting their dissertation prospectus.

Important Notes about Registration for History Graduate Students

1. UBC Course Registration System:

- Course registration is done through the UBC student system called Workday: <http://myworkday.ubc.ca/>
- 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 11.
<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.
- HIST 548D (Historiography): Students who have not previously taken a graduate-level historiography course must choose Historiography (HIST 548D) as one of their three courses.

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.