

Program Learning Outcomes for PhDs

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GRADUATE PROGRAM IN HISTORY

YORK UNIVERSITY

Overall, the Graduate Program in History's curriculum is designed to allow students to achieve the following learning outcomes by the completion of their degree requirements:

PLO 1: Demonstrate a sound factual knowledge of specific fields of historical enquiry and the ways these fields have developed over time.

PLO 2: Critically evaluate historical information and arguments as presented in articles, monographs, and other textual and non-textual formats.

PLO 3: Apply rigorous standards of intellectual integrity and professionalism in the process of conducting original research.

PLO 4: Critically interpret and utilize the diverse array of primary and secondary sources examined by historians.

PLO 5: Conceive, plan, and independently execute an original research project in a specific area/theme/period appropriate in scale to produce a doctoral dissertation (normally 250-350 pages) that incorporates a critical understanding of the relevant literature and makes a significant contribution to historical knowledge.

PLO 6: Contribute to the body of original historical knowledge via research in archives, research libraries, digital repositories of primary sources, archaeological excavation and fieldwork, or through oral interviews.

PLO 7: Effectively communicate the results of their research to specialists and non-specialists, both orally and in written forms of various length.