



LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

HISTORY

CHANGE REQUEST REPORT

Change Request Tracking Number: 2026-SOC-9222

Title of Change Request: Programs-Major Modification-GR-HIST-
Expanding to Orillia Campus

Status of Change Request: In Workflow

Change Request can be split

CHANGE REQUEST CONTENTS

#	Type	Title
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1.	New Version of a Degree	Masters of Arts in History (Thesis Option)
2.	New Version of a Degree	Master of Arts in History (Research Project Option)
3.	New Version of a Degree	Master of Arts in History (Course Option)

CHANGE REQUEST HISTORY

Workflow Stage	Action Type	Action Taken By	Change Made	Action Rationale	Date
Initiator	Approved	Michael Stevenson	Yes	Reacting to student demand in Simcoe County and to a recommendation of the Department of History's 2024/25 cyclical review, this request seeks to expand the MA program to the Orillia campus. Please see the proposal brief for the full rationale.	04/22/2026, 01:40 PM
Submission Review (Deputy Provost)	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	In correct workflow	07/13/2026, 01:10 PM
Advisory Panel Review	Approved	Deputy Provost	No	Advisory Reviewed Aug 5th	08/10/2026, 04:09 PM

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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Maj Mod Proposal Brief--History MA Extension to Orillia Campus.docx	Michael Stevenson	04/22/2026, 01:40 PM	82.3 KB

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AUDIT TRAIL

File Name	User	Date	Action
Maj Mod Proposal Brief--History MA Extension to Orillia Campus.docx	Michael Stevenson	04/22/2026, 01:39 PM	Uploaded

CHANGE REQUEST COMMENTS

Date	User	Change Request Comment
04/22/2026, 01:39 PM	Michael Stevenson	This request seeks to expand the the three streams of the Department of History's MA program in Thunder Bay to the Orillia campus.

1.	New Version of a Degree	Masters of Arts in History (Thesis Option)
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Justification
Reacting to student demand in Simcoe County and to a recommendation of the Department of

History's 2024/25 cyclical review, this request seeks to expand the MA program to the Orillia campus. Please see the proposal brief for the full rationale.

DEGREE DETAILS

FORM: Major modification (A) – existing program.

NOTE TO USER about Quality Assurance requirements:

Visit this link to learn about the proposal requirements and the process for review and approval for Major Modifications to Programs.

Select the type of major modification you are making:

- Degree/Major

The following is information that is displayed in the University Calendar

Location:

- Thunder Bay Campus
- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Masters of Arts in History (Thesis Option)

Program Requirements:

The thesis program consists of four FCEs:

(a) two FCEs in history at the graduate level; as well as
(b) the thesis, History 5901 (9901) (equivalent to two FCEs).

Note: Students are required to register for the thesis placeholder course, History 9901, for each term they are in the program.

The following is information for Committee Review

Program Code: MA.HIST.TH

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar: ~~Fall 2013~~2027–28

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?: No Specified End Date

Faculty or Institution Unit:

- Lakehead University
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Level: Graduate

Total number of credits for the degree: 4.00

Transcript Title of Program: MA (History) Thesis

Degree Type: MA

This major modification may require a proposal brief. See link above for

- Yes

more information. If applicable, indicate if your proposal brief is attached:

Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:

This change results from a series of courses changes within the MA program. They result from a need to streamline the calendar and program, and are in response to logistical issues surrounding the delivery of our thesis, major research project, and course work streams. They also address issues that have arisen while attempting to accommodate leave requests and/or other unexpected interruptions in a student's program of study. They make the program both more transparent and flexible. The majority of the changes are the discontinuation of the half-course pairings currently in the calendar and replacing them with full-year equivalents. A few additional new courses have also been created reflecting the research expertise of faculty and, in a few cases, ensuring our program reflects the new strategic direction of the university and addresses items in both the university and departmental Academic Plans. These changes carry no budgetary issues and do not impact the basic structure of the MA program, nor its specialization in Women's Studies. seeks to expand the MA Thesis option degree from the Thunder Bay campus alone to the Orillia campus. The significant growth of HBA History majors in Orillia (which now outnumber HBA History majors in Thunder Bay) since the introduction of the HBA there in 2022/23 has led to increased interest among Orillia History students in our graduate program, which is only available on the Thunder Bay campus. It is believed that expanding the MA to Orillia will see increasing numbers of students in Simcoe County being willing to pursue graduate work in the Department of History. This request follows similar requests from the Department of English and the Social Justice Studies program to successfully expand their MA programs to Orillia. The proposal brief attached to this request provides full details of this proposed expansion of the MA Coursework degree to Orillia. This expansion was also one of the primary recommendations of external reviewers in the Department's cyclical review exercise in the 2024/24 academic year.

The following is information for Senate Budget Committee Consideration

NOTE: Complete each section and provide full explanations for both "yes" and "no" answers. This will not be displayed in the calendar but will be used by the Senate Budget Committee when considering approval of this proposal. The creator of this proposal may be asked to attend a committee meeting to discuss this proposal. Contact the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee if you wish to discuss any of the questions below.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program within the same faculty/unit?:

No.

Will this program impact student enrolment in another program in a different faculty/unit?:

No.

Will additional resources be required (space, staff, equipment, etc.)?: No.

How will this impact existing teaching loads within this faculty/unit?: No.

What is the impact on the demand for teaching support services (library, computers, staff, etc.)?: No.

Will this require outside support? If yes, please outline the amount and timing of the funding: No.

2.	New Version of a Degree	Master of Arts in History (Research Project Option)
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Justification

Reacting to student demand in Simcoe County and to a recommendation of the Department of History's 2024/25 cyclical review, this request seeks to expand the MA program to the Orillia campus. Please see the proposal brief for the full rationale.

DEGREE DETAILS

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Location:

• Thunder Bay Campus

• Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Master of Arts in History (Research Project Option)

Program Requirements:

The major research project program consists of:
(a) three FCEs in history at the graduate level; as well as
(b) the major research project, History 5800 (9800) (one FCE).

Note: Students are required to register for the research project placeholder course, History 9800, for each term they are in the program.

The following is information for Committee Review

Program Code: MA.HIST.PR

Calendar Start Term. When this change should be displayed in the Calendar: ~~Fall 2013~~2027-28

Calendar End Term. When is the last calendar year this should be displayed?: No Specified End Date

Faculty or Institution

Unit:

- Lakehead University
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Level: Graduate

Total number of credits for the degree: 4.00

Transcript Title of Program: MA (History) Project

Degree Type: MA

This major modification may require a proposal brief. See link above for more information. If applicable, indicate if your proposal brief is attached:

- Yes

Pedagogical rationale for this proposal. Why are you submitting this request?:

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- Orillia Campus

Title of Program: Master of Arts in History (Course Option)

Program Requirements:

The course-work program consists of:

(a) four FCEs in history at the graduate level.

Note: Students are required to be registered for each term they are in the program. If no courses are taken then registration in History 9701 is required.

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Calendar End Term. When is
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Faculty or Institution

Unit:

- Lakehead University
- Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Academic Level: Graduate

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Transcript Title of
Program: MA (History) Course

Degree Type: MA

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