History M.A. (Thesis)

Degree Requirements: 33 Credit Hours

Application Deadlines

February 1, for Fall enrollment applications. Although later applications will be considered, applicants meeting this deadline will be given priority consideration for available graduate assistantships.

Admission Requirements

Regular

Applicants seeking admission to the graduate program in history must have:

1. Completed requirements for the Bachelor’s degree in a college accredited by the proper regional accrediting associations.
2. A 3.0 (4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average or higher on all undergraduate work, with a 3.0 cumulative GPA in history and no grade in history lower than a “C.”
3. Minimum Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores of 550 Verbal plus 500 Quantitative or 4.0 Analytical Writing for applicants who took the GRE prior to August 2011; or minimum scores of 156 Verbal plus 144 Quantitative or 4.0 Analytical Writing for applicants who took the exam after July 31, 2011. Lower test scores may be considered but the applicant will need strong evidence of the ability to perform satisfactorily in graduate level work.
4. An undergraduate major or the equivalent in history. Students with majors in other fields of study are given equal consideration for admission providing they have at least 15 credits (or quarter-system equivalent) of history (at least 12 credits at the upper division level) and a total of 30 credits in the social sciences and humanities.
5. Two letters of recommendation by individuals who are familiar with the applicant’s potential for successful graduate study.
6. A statement of purpose (approximately 250 words) outlining the applicant’s interest in graduate study in history.

Provisional

Non-traditional students and applicants not meeting the above requirements may be considered for Provisional (Probationary) admission as determined on a case-by-case basis.

Program of Study

The department offers thesis and non-thesis options and a concentration in public history.

The degree candidate for a Master of Arts in History will take 27 credits of course work (out of a total of 33.), which includes the following:

General Requirements

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<td>HIST 7638 - Research Prospectus</td>
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<td>HIST 7999 - Thesis (Course must be taken twice.)</td>
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<td>Three 7000-level HIST Graduate Reading Seminars ¹</td>
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| Electives                               | 12           |
| Four history elective courses (at the 5000-level or above) | |

Total Credit Hours 33

¹ One seminar must be outside the candidate’s field of concentration. A seminar in Public History meets this requirement.

Other Program Requirements

- The student must also pass a reading-knowledge examination in an appropriate foreign language. (Prior completion of coursework in a foreign language through the fourth semester at the intermediate level with a grade of C or better shall exempt students from the foreign language exam.)
- The student must also pass an oral defense of the thesis paper.
- Two elective courses may be taken outside of the Department of History.
- The College of Graduate Studies limits independent study to 6 credit hours.

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