

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.

Exclusion Policy:

A graduate student enrolled in the History MA Program or Public History Certificate Program will be excluded from continuing in the program for receiving a grade of "F" in any course, or for failure to meet the terms of academic probation.

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 33 hours of course work, which includes the following:

	Credit Hours
Required Courses	21
HIST 7630 The Historian's Craft	
HIST 7638 Research Prospectus	
HIST 7999 Thesis (Course must be taken twice.)	
Three 7000-level HIST Graduate Reading Seminars ¹	

Electives	12
Four history elective courses (at the 5000G-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.

Advisement

Graduate students are advised by their program. Graduate students should reach out to their graduate program director for information regarding the structures in place to facilitate advisement. For more information visit the Graduate Academic Advisement (<http://catalog.georgiasouthern.edu/graduate/graduate-studies/general-graduate-policies-procedures/advisement/>) catalog page.

Graduate students can also contact the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies for more information about their program director.
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