

HISTORY - MASTER OF ARTS

(Code 380-804)

The Master of Arts-History is intended for those who wish to increase their backgrounds in history and for those students who intend to do further advanced work in history. Graduate students who complete the program are expected to broaden and deepen their knowledge and understanding of history and techniques of historical research to ensure a sound, factual knowledge and a grasp of pertinent historical literature in the fields in which they study, to appreciate the historical method of searching for truth, and to recognize the complex nature of historical developments.

Degree requirements have been arranged and a counseling system devised with the intention of providing each student a program encompassing both breadth and depth.

Students must earn one of the following options: 30-33

Option 1

A minimum of 30 graduate credits in history, which includes six credits of HIST 799.

HIST 719 Readings in Area of Thesis

HIST 793 Current Trends in History

HIST 799 Thesis

Option 2

A minimum of 33 graduate credits in history with no thesis required

HIST 793 Current Trends in History

Up to nine credits may be from disciplines outside of history with the approval of the advisor. All students must attain a GPA of 3.00 or higher. At least 18 credits must be taken in courses open only to graduate students.

Areas of Expertise and Exams: Graduate students prepare themselves in an area of expertise designed to meet their needs and interests. Areas of expertise may be defined by broad themes, topics, chronology, or geography. A required written comprehensive exam will be based upon substantial knowledge of the student's area of expertise based upon research, course work, and bibliographies created in consultation with faculty. During their final semester all students are also required to take an oral exam related to their area of expertise. Non-thesis students' oral exam will be based upon their course work and written comprehensive exam. For students completing a thesis, the oral exam will be related to their research. The oral exam committee includes the graduate coordinator, one or two additional history graduate faculty, and one graduate faculty from outside the Department of History.