

Degree **Required Admission Test**
M.A. **GRE General or MAT**

The Master of Arts Program in History is designed to give students advanced instruction relating to (1) important historical issues, events, personalities and periods in American and world history; (2) methods of historical research and historical writing; and (3) significant historical interpretations which have shaped our understanding of history. The program prepares students for doctoral level work.

A minimum 39 credit hours are necessary to earn the M.A. degree in history with a thesis or non-thesis option. Required courses include Historiography (HIS 500), Two World Wars (HIS 530), Colonial Period in American History (HIS 552), and American Constitutional History (HIS 587). Seminar in American History (HIS 590), Seminar in African-American History Before 1865 (HIS 564), and Seminar in African-American History II Since 1865 (565) also are required courses. Students also must complete four electives (two American history, and two non-American history) and a master’s thesis. Research and Thesis I (HIS 595), as well as Research and Thesis II (HIS 596), are taken before the final document is submitted to the department for review.

All M.A. candidates must demonstrate competency in an approved foreign language. The department administers a written examination which assesses candidates’ reading knowledge of the language they select. In lieu of the written examination, candidates may complete at least six (6) credit hours, or a minimum of two classes, of undergraduate or graduate coursework in one foreign language. In this instance, an A or B must be earned in each class to satisfy the foreign-language requirement. (The completion process is explained further in Section III, Admissions and Academic Regulations, of the graduate bulletin.)

A new option in Public History is currently being developed for approval.. Students interested in this option would be required to take nine (9) credit hours in general history courses and 18 credit hours of required courses in Archives and Museum studies. In addition, students would need to complete 12 credit hours of electives which could include six (6) credit hours toward a field study project or six (6) credit hours toward a special topics study or six (6) credit hours for writing a Master of Arts thesis. The goal of the Public History option would be to prepare students for careers as archivists, public historians, and curators. Places of employment would include museums, cultural centers, cultural, state, and national parks, presidential libraries, and historic sites.

An applicant to the graduate program in history must hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution. A degree in history is preferred; however, a degree in an allied field with a strong concentration in history is acceptable provided that the applicant meets the minimum standards of the graduate school.

All M.A. candidates must pass a comprehensive examination and have the option of writing an approved thesis. Students who choose the non-thesis option will be required to complete six (6) credit hours in lieu of HIS 595 (Research and Thesis I) and HIS 596 (Research and Thesis II).

History

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree

Total Number Credits: 39 semester hours minimum required

Credit Hrs.

Required Courses: 21-27 credit hours

(Thesis Option (27 credit hours) including HIS 595 & HIS 596)

(Non-Thesis Option (21 credit hours) excluding HIS 595 & HIS 596)

HIS 500 Historiography.....	3
HIS 530 The Two World Wars.....	3
HIS 552 The Colonial Period in America History.....	3
HIS 564 African-American History Before 1865.....	3
HIS 565 African-American History Since 1865.....	3
HIS 587 American Constitutional History.....	3
HIS 590 Seminar in American History.....	3
HIS 595 Research and Thesis I.....	3
HIS 596 Research and Thesis II.....	3

**Major Elective Course: 12-18 credit hours required
(Thesis Option 12 credit hours and Non-Thesis Option 18 credit hours)**

HIS 501 World History since 1900.....	3
HIS 502 Slavery and the Abolitionist Movement.....	3
HIS 504 The Civil Rights Movement and the Black Power Revolt.....	3
HIS 520 Modern African History: Since 1945.....	3
HIS 525 Russian History: 1917 to 1991.....	3
HIS 526 Minority Problems in the Twentieth Century.....	3
HIS 535 Diplomatic History of the United States.....	3
HIS 575 The Great Depression and the New Deal.....	3
HIS 580 Economic History of the United States.....	3
HIS 585 The Cold War (1945-1991).....	3
HIS 586 American Diplomatic History Since 1875.....	3
HIS 625 Problems in the Far East in the Twentieth Century.....	3
HIS 642 The Gilded Age.....	3
HIS 643 The South in the Twentieth Century.....	3
HIS 647 Relations of the United States to Latin America.....	3

Total Hours 39