

Master of Arts (MA) History

Degree Program

The department offers students two ways of completing the degree:

1. **Thesis option:** 32 credit hours of which 26 are core courses.
 - a. Emphasizes depth of knowledge and research competence acquired through writing a substantial master's thesis.
2. **Research paper option:** 36 credit hours of which 26 are core courses.
 - a. Emphasizes breadth of historical knowledge acquired through graduate course work and the writing of research papers.

The department offers study in European history, United States history, Latin American history, African history, and African American history.

Program website

<http://umsl.edu/go/HistoryGrad>

Entrance Requirements

1. Application
 - a. <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Writing Sample
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
4. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.2 on 4.0 scale.
5. Entrance examinations
 - a. There are no entrance exams for domestic students.
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
6. Letters of recommendation
 - a. No letters are needed for applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher. Those who do not meet this GPA threshold are encouraged to solicit two letters of recommendation that speak to the applicant's academic potential
7. Statement of Purpose

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: March 15

Spring Semester: October 15

**Late applications may be considered.*

**Admission decisions are generally made within two week of application deadlines. In the case of late applications, admission decisions are generally made within three weeks of a full application submission.*

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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