



History MA

Research Track

The History MA program offers study in US History, World History, History Education, Public History and Cultural Heritage, and Museum Studies. All students receive disciplined advanced work in preparation for doctoral programs or advanced training leading to teaching or other careers. Students select one of two options for completing the Master of Arts degree: thesis or research papers. The first path requires a substantial master's thesis; this path emphasizes depth of knowledge and research competence. The second path requires several research papers. This path emphasizes breadth of historical knowledge. Students should consult with the Director of Graduate Studies to be sure that they have properly selected their fields of study.

Career Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of historians is projected to grow 3 percent from 2019 to 2029, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Other areas that employ graduates with a History M.A., including teaching, project management, marketing and communication and other areas of business are expected to grow faster than average. Over the course of a career, professionals with a history background on average earn more and report higher job satisfaction than graduates from most any other field.

Future Career Options

- Archaeologist
- Archivist
- Historian
- Historical Consultant
- Journalist
- Museum Curator
- Political Advisor
- Researcher
- Teacher
- Writer

Skills Developed By Degree Completion

- Conduct empirical historical research based on primary source evidence
- Compose publishable-quality scholarship that makes an original contribution to the knowledge
- Evaluate recent scholarship within chosen subfield of study in the context of historiographical trends
- Synthesize historical research in interpretive formats, including written papers and essays
- Demonstrate facility for presenting historical arguments orally and describing research findings to an audience
- Distinguish between different methodological approaches to historical research, writing, and interpretation

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.



IT STARTS RIGHT NOW

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. This map is not a substitute for academic advisement. Contact your advisor when making final selections.

APPLY FOR GRADUATION

Don't forget that students should apply for graduation one year prior to the intended graduation date, so apply prior to the deadline.

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2024-2025 2-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Year
1

Master of Arts in History Research Track

FALL SEMESTER (9 credit hours)

- HIST 541X: Advanced Inquiries in US/World History (3)
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- HIST 6000: The Historian's Craft (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (8 credit hours)

- HIST 614X: Readings in US/World History (3)
- HIST 614X: Readings in US/World History (5)

Year
2

FALL SEMESTER (9 credit hours)

- HIST 614X: Readings in US/World History (3)
- HIST 614X: Readings in US/World History (3)
- HIST 614X: Readings in US/World History (5)

SPRING SEMESTER (8 credit hours)

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Recently Taught Readings in World History Courses:

- The Cold War from a Global Perspective
- Historical Myths
- Islam and the West
- Modern Africa
- Nineteenth Century Europe
- Sports: A Global History

Recently Taught Readings in US History Courses:

- History of Fake News: From Propaganda to Alternative Facts and Post-Truth
- History Through Biography
- Rhetoric and Public Memory
- US History, Education, and African American Civil Rights
- Whiteness in American History

Check once completed



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