



Master of Arts in

History

Understanding the past to make more meaningful connections to the present.

A master's degree in history not only gives you deeper knowledge of the events of the past, it helps you make meaningful connections between the people of yesterday and today. It also prepares you to better share your knowledge and understanding of the past and its influences on the present with others through a wide variety of career paths.

Master of Arts in History

The Master of Arts in History at the University of Missouri–St. Louis provides a broad-based program of study that emphasizes historical writing, research and analysis through an in-depth study of U.S. and world history, history education, public history and cultural heritage, as well as museum studies.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Conduct empirical historical research based on primary source evidence.
- Compose publishable-quality scholarship that makes an original contribution to knowledge.
- Evaluate recent scholarship within chosen subfields of study in the context of historiographical trends.
- Distinguish between different methodological approaches to historical research, writing and interpretation.

Master of Arts in History, Emphasis in Museum Studies

The MA in History, Emphasis in Museum Studies joins theoretical and practical study at an advanced level to prepare students for careers in museums, heritage institutions, historic sites and societies, and related organizations. The program focuses on community engagement, the interdisciplinary and cross-cultural study of material culture, interpreting and debating the past, new media and public education, and research in archival and material collections.

2+3 BA/MA Dual Degree Program

The MA in History is also offered in the 2+3 program format. This unique 2+3 dual degree program provides a pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in history with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree independently. Once all requirements have been met, students will be awarded both a BA and an MA and are able to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

Transforming Lives

The Master of Arts in History at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic and well-educated employees.

Mercantile Library and State Historical Society of Missouri Archives

The History Department enjoys partnerships with a number of historical institutions in the area, including the prestigious Mercantile library and the State of Missouri Historical Society, both of which have archives housed at UMSL. The Mercantile Library, founded in 1846, is the oldest library and museum west of the Mississippi and offers history students internship and research opportunities. The State Historical Society of Missouri archives at UMSL concentrate on the history of the St. Louis area, with an emphasis on African-American history, wildlife, environment, immigration, journalism, labor, politics, social reform and women's history.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Master of Arts in History is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at history.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for history.

Career Opportunities

Archaeologist
Archivist
Author/Writer
Communications
Consultant
Editor
Educator/Trainer
Historian
Marketing Manager
Museum Curator/Conservator
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