

## 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

[https://www.umsl.edu/~umslhistory/degrees\\_advising/graduate.html](https://www.umsl.edu/~umslhistory/degrees_advising/graduate.html)

### 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. Three Letters of recommendation
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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