

HISTORY PROGRAM

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:
Fall: January 15
 Fall admission only

Minimum Total Hours: 30
Program Level: Masters
CIP Code: 54.0101
Dept. Code: HTY
Program (Major/College): HTY AS
Approved: 1969

Concentrations:

American History (AHY)
 Ancient History (AHS)
 European History (EHS)
 Latin American History (LAH)
 Medieval History (MHS)

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Arts and Sciences
Department: History

Contact Information: www.grad.usf.edu

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Department of History offers the M.A. degree. Members of the graduate faculty in History have earned recognition as teachers, scholars, and contributors to the community. The Department offers a Master of Arts degree organized around the following fields:

- Field 1: American History to 1877
- Field 2: American History since 1877
- Field 3: Ancient History
- Field 4: Medieval History
- Field 5: Early Modern Worlds
- Field 6: Modern Europe since 1789
- Field 7: Latin America

Across these fields, students can request, in consultation with their major professor, concentrations organized thematically or geographically.

Accreditation:

Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

Program Admission Requirements

- **GPA** of at least 3.00
- **GRE** Scores of at least 160 (85th percentile) Verbal, 144 (18th percentile) Quantitative, and 4.5 (80th percentile) in writing. Only current scores within the last 5 years will be accepted.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant are required. These letters should come from academic sources familiar with the quality of the applicant's college-level work and

indicate his/her graduate program potential. Once the online application is completed, requests for recommendations will be emailed to recommenders.

- **Statement of Purpose:** A two-page statement is required that delineates historical and intellectual areas of interest, proposed fields of study, educational and professional goals, the faculty with whom the applicant is potentially interested in working, and why the applicant sees him/herself as a good fit with our program.
- **Writing Sample:** A sample of written work which indicates the applicant's ability to write effectively and preferably, to conduct historical research and analysis must be submitted. The sample should be approximately 15 pages in length. Appropriate examples include a term paper, research paper, or thesis chapter.

A B.A. in history is preferred. The Department will consider applicants without a recent background in undergraduate history, but they may be required to complete Theory of History (HIS 4104) as well as some upper division and/or graduate level courses in relevant fields with a grade of "B" or higher. These will be determined in consultation with the Graduate Program Director or Major Professor.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Total Minimum Hours:	30
Core Course – 3 hours	
Concentrations – 21 hours	
Thesis/non-thesis – 6 hours	

Core Course Requirement (3 hours)

HIS 6112 3 Analysis of Historical Knowledge

Concentrations (21 hours)

Students may select from the following Concentration areas:

American History (AHY)

Ancient History (AHS)

European History (EHS)

Latin American History (LAH)

Medieval History (MHS)

Students complete coursework for the Major and Minor fields, in the concentration they choose.

Major Field (15 hours – any combination of the following):

HIS 6939	3	Seminar in History
HIS 6925	3	Colloquium in History

Minor Field (6 hours – any combination of the following)

HIS 6939	3	Seminar in History
HIS 6925	3	Colloquium in History

Other Requirements

Of the 30 hours required for the Master of Arts, at least 20 must be in formal, regularly scheduled course work. A minimum of 16 must be at the 6000 level. Subject to the satisfaction of above requirements, courses at the 5000 level are acceptable as part of a planned degree program. Students may take a maximum of 6 hours in HIS 6914 Directed Research and/or HIS 6908 Independent Study and a maximum of 6 hours in HIS 6925 Colloquia.

After beginning course work, M.A. students select an advisor in their anticipated major field of study. Students arrange their programs and schedules of appropriate courses with their major professor. Additionally, the student in consultation with the major professor asks on or two other members (normally one from the major and one from the minor fields) to serve on a supervisory committee. The student is required to have completed successfully at least 3 credits of course work with

each member of his/her committee. Students with two unresolved "Incomplete" grades (of any credit total) will not be permitted to register for additional history courses until at least one "Incomplete" grade is resolved.

Students may opt to do either a thesis or non-thesis tract.

Thesis (6 hours)

HIS 6971 6 Thesis

Non-Thesis (6 hours)

Any combination that totals six hours:

HIS 6939	3	Seminar in History
HIS 6925	3	Colloquium in History
HIS 6914	3	Directed Research
HIS 6908	3	Independent Study

Comprehensive Examinations:

A six-hour written comprehensive examination will consist of answering two questions in a major field and one in a minor field. In addition, at the discretion of the committee, an oral examination may be administered. The examination questions and student answers will form part of the student's Department file. A student must have no "incomplete" grades and be enrolled for a minimum of two (2) hours during the term the comprehensive examination is taken.

Language Requirements:

M.A. students must demonstrate a reading proficiency in one foreign language most applicable to a student's field of research (as determined by the Major Professor). The language requirement will be fulfilled in one of two ways:

- 1) A two-hour examination administered by the Department. The student will be expected to translate satisfactorily a 500-word passage, with the assistance of a dictionary.
- 2) With the approval of the major professor, the student may take two semesters of an intermediate level foreign language. In order to fulfill the foreign language requirement, the student must receive a "B" or above in each semester's course. Those students who have met these requirements as an undergraduate may have the language requirement waived by petitioning the Graduate Committee.

Students with a major field in American History and with a thesis topic that does not require the use of a foreign language may substitute quantitative methods for the language requirements. The quantitative methods option will be fulfilled by successful completion with a grade of at least "B" in one of the following courses:

ANG 5486	3	Quantitative Methods in Anthropology
EDF 6407	4	Statistical Analysis in Educational Research
POS 6736	3	Political Research Methods
MAT 5932	3	Selected Topics

Graduation and Master's Thesis:

- A satisfactory performance in the core course, two fields, and the completion of a comprehensive examination are required of all M.A. students for graduation.
- In order to graduate, a student must apply for graduation through OASIS using their Net ID and self-assigned password by the deadline noted in the Academic Calendar for the term during which graduation is anticipated.
- Students selecting the thesis option must follow the final submission process in the Office of Graduate Studies to be considered for graduation. For information refer to the Office of Graduate Studies website www.grad.usf.edu
- Students may not participate in commencement unless all requirements have been satisfactorily completed.
- All requirements for master's degrees must be completed within five (5) calendar years from the student's date of admission for graduate study.

COURSES

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>

HISTORY PROGRAM

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Program Admission Deadlines:

Fall: January 15
Fall admission only

Minimum Total Hours: 72 (post-bachelor's)
42 (post-masters)

Program Level: Doctoral

CIP Code: 54.0101

Dept. Code: HTY

Program (Major/College): HTY AS

Approved: 2009

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our Ph.D. program features an innovative model of doctoral education designed to insure broad interdisciplinary connection with related disciplines. Areas of specialization cover a number of fields, including Colonial through Modern US; the Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Worlds; Modern Europe; and Latin America. Students may choose a thematic approach, however, including topics such as race, gender, empire. Our Ph.D. program is interdisciplinary and all students are required to take courses with the Sociology and Government and International Affairs departments. Students may choose between a traditional academic track, or an interdisciplinary one that includes public history and/or digital humanities methodologies.

Accreditation:

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ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements listed below.

Program Admission Requirements

The minimum requirements for consideration for admission to the Ph.D. program in history include:

- **Graduate Coursework and Grade Point Average:** Applicants must have completed at least 18 hours of graduate credit before entering the PhD program and should have earned at least a 3.50 in their history courses as demonstrated by official transcripts.
- **GRE Scores** of at least 160 (85th percentile) Verbal, 144 (18th percentile) Quantitative, and 4.5 (80th percentile) in writing. Only current scores within the last 5 years will be accepted.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Applicant must solicit three letters of recommendation on his/her behalf. These letters should come from academic sources familiar with the quality of the applicant's scholarly work and indicate his/her doctoral program potential. The online application must be completed before the system will send requests to submit to recommenders.
- **Statement of Purpose:** The applicant must submit a statement that indicates his/her historical and intellectual areas of interest, outline proposed fields of study, educational and professional goals, names the faculty with whom the applicant is potentially interested in working, and explains why the applicant sees him/herself as a good fit with our program.

- **Sample of Writing:** Applicants must submit a sample of written work that indicates the applicant's ability to conduct primary source based research and to write effectively. The sample may include a publication, seminar paper, or a thesis chapter but ought not be longer than 30 pages.
- **Language:** Applicants will provide evidence of proficiency in the foreign language(s) of their primary field of study.

Students Advancing directly into the Doctoral Program from the Master's Degree Program

After completing a minimum of 18 graduate hours, an admitted MA student may apply for the doctoral program with the consent of his/her major professor (must be the major professor and not simply the initial advisor). The standard University application process and fees apply. When the student applies to the Ph.D. program, the application is then reviewed by the Graduate Committee via the established application process, and recommendations are made regarding admission to the program and funding.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Total Minimum Hours: 72 -post-baccalaureate (42 hours post-masters)

Core Requirements – 6 hours

Major and Minor Fields – 15 hours

Capstone – 3 hours

Dissertation – 18 hours

Plan of Study

In addition to the general requirements of the University as explained in the USF Graduate Catalog, a candidate is required to complete a total of 72 post-baccalaureate credit hours. The following distribution assumes that the applicant has already earned an MA or completed 30 credit hours of post-baccalaureate coursework. Adjustments will be made for MA students who have not yet finished their degrees:

Core Requirements – 6 hours

HIS 7937 Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Pro-Seminar

3 hours

This course is as an Introduction to the interdisciplinary nature of this unique Ph.D. program, and will offer new students to the History program the opportunity to engage with their colleagues in Government and International Affairs and Sociology. This *Pro-Seminar* is organized around one common theme and focuses on the methodologies and theories of these related disciplines to educate students as to the complementary aspects of these fields.

HIS 6112 Analysis of Historical Knowledge

3 hours

Analysis of Historical Knowledge examines both the theories behind and the practical methodological approaches in historical research. If a student has satisfactorily completed HIS 6112 Analysis of Historical Knowledge before admission into the PhD program, it will be waived. If the student has taken a similar course elsewhere, this requirement may be waived subject to the approval of the Graduate Director.

Major and Minor Field Studies - 15 hours

Students will complete at least five courses devoted to their major and minor fields of study. A student must have a minimum of 6 History credit hours in her major historical field and 3 in her minor. The remaining 3-6 hours may be filled by either by the HIS 7289 Seminar in Comparative Studies course or with 6000 or 7000 level courses from outside the Department, or by a combination of these courses. The electives must be selected in consultation with the student's Major Professor and approved by the Graduate Director.

Major Field Studies: Any TWO OR THREE of the following variable topic courses that pertain to the student's major:

HIS 6925 Colloquium in History

3 hours

HIS 6935 Graduate Reading Seminar in History

3 hours

HIS 6939 Seminar in History

3 hours

HIS 7939 Selected Topics for Doctoral Students

3 hours

Minor Field Studies: Any ONE OR TWO of the following variable topic courses that pertain to the student's minor:

HIS 6925 Colloquium in History

3 hours

HIS 6935 Graduate Reading Seminar in History	3 hours
HIS 6939 Seminar in History	3 hours
HIS 7939 Selected Topics for Doctoral Students	3 hours

Electives: ONE OR TWO of the following. The interdisciplinary elective must in some way pertain to the student's major or minor field:

XXX XXXX Graduate level elective	3 hours
This course must not be offered by History department and should be selected in conjunction with Major Professor and approved by the Graduate Director	
HIS 7289 Seminar in Comparative Studies	3 hours
This course compares issues such as globalization, imperialism, identity, urbanization, etc. as expressed through a range of historical period and regions.	

Capstone Seminar

HIS7938 3 Ph.D. Capstone Seminar

Students in this course will develop their dissertation prospectus in consultation with their Major Professor. History, Government and International Affairs and Sociology faculty members will take turns teaching the course each year.

Language Requirement for Ph.D. Students

Students must demonstrate proficiency in their primary language of research by the end of the first year of study. In fields where more than one language is required, students must complete their language exams before they can take the comprehensive exam. Language requirements must be fulfilled before students can progress to the dissertation stage. Written examinations to test a student's language proficiency will be administered through the USF Dept. of World Languages in conjunction with the student's Major Advisor. The precise format of the exam and the level of language competency needed to pass will be determined in each case by the student's advisor.

Field	Language (s) Required
Ancient	Classical Greek, Classical Latin, French, and German
Byzantine	Byzantine Greek, Latin, French, and German
Early Modern Europe	Primary European language of research plus one additional European language (Latin may be required in some cases)
Modern Europe	Primary European language of research plus on additional European languages
Latin America	Spanish and Portuguese
Medieval Europe	Medieval Latin, plus two additional European languages
Middle East	Primary Middle Eastern language of research plus one additional language
United States	Foreign language most pertinent to research agenda

Students with a major field in American History and with a thesis topic that does not require use of a foreign language may substitute quantitative methods for the language requirements. The quantitative methods option will be fulfilled by successful completion with a grade of at least "B" in one of the following courses:

ANG 5486	Quantitative Methods in Anthropology	3
EDF 6407	Statistical Analysis in Educational Research	4
POS 6736	Political Research Methods	3
MAT 5932	Selected Topics	3

Comprehensive Exam

- Before taking comprehensive exams, student must have completed a majority of their coursework.
- Exams will be conducted by the student's Supervisory Committee. The oral exams shall be taken within one week after the written exams have been completed. Exams may be retaken once if necessary.

Dissertation Proposal

Students must complete an oral dissertation defense with the members of the dissertation committee. Dissertation committees must be composed of a minimum of four faculty members, one of whom may be drawn from an academic institution other than USF. Faculty from fields other than History may serve on dissertation committees upon approval of the Graduate Program Director.

Dissertation Writing Hours

18 hours

HIS 7980 18 Dissertation: Doctoral (1-9)

These hours are intended to give students the opportunity to work closely with their dissertation committee and focus on research, writing, and revision.

Timeframe

All requirements must be completed within the university-mandated time frame after admission to the Ph.D. program.

COURSES

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