

# History

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## Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**  
April 1 for assistantship consideration
- **Credential Offered:**  
Ph.D., M.A., M.S.
- **Test Requirement:**  
GRE
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**  
TOEFL ibt 100; IELTS 7; Duolingo 125

## Master's Degree

### Master of Arts

The department offers both the Master of Arts and the Master of Science degrees in history. The Master of Arts requires proficiency in at least one foreign language and the successful defense of a thesis. Those planning to continue graduate study in history at the doctoral level are strongly encouraged to pursue the MA. The Master of Science is designed for in-service professionals and has no language or thesis requirement; students pursuing the MS are generally not awarded assistantships or tuition waivers. Both degrees require a minimum of 30 credit hours with a minimum of 24 hours in history.

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 702	Historiography	3
HIST 705	Directed Research (taken during second year)	1
HIST 710	Research Seminar in North American History	3
Select 6 credits of the following (one to be declared the student's major area and the other the minor area):		6
HIST 730	Readings in North American History	
HIST 760	Readings in European History	
HIST 780	Readings in World History	
History course work at 600 level or above		6-9
Course work in approved outside field, at 600 level or above		3
HIST 798	Master's Thesis	8
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30-33</b>

### Master of Science Degree

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 702	Historiography	3
HIST 710	Research Seminar in North American History	3
Select 9 credits of the following (one to be declared the student's major area and the other the minor area):		9
HIST 730	Readings in North American History	3
HIST 760	Readings in European History	3

HIST 780	Readings in World History	3
<b>6xx-level or above courses (Up to 3 credits may be taken from outside of the history department.)</b>		<b>12</b>
HIST 797	Master's Paper	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>39</b>

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## Ph.D. Degree

The department offers a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in History. The Ph.D. in History is a research degree. It requires the successful defense of a dissertation based on primary sources that makes an original contribution to knowledge. We only admit students who already hold an M.A. in History or another very closely related field.

Foreign language requirements vary from field to field. One foreign language is required for students in the U.S. field. At least two foreign languages are required for all others, depending on the languages needed to conduct research and access the secondary literature. The language requirement can be met by completing college coursework in that language through the second year (e.g., SPAN 202) or by passing a language exam administered by the faculty.

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 702	Historiography	3
HIST 705	Directed Research	1
HIST 710	Research Seminar in North American History (May be repeated for credit, provided the topics are different.)	3
<b>Readings courses (Any of them may be repeated for credit, provided the topics are different.)</b>		<b>6</b>
HIST 730	Readings in North American History	
HIST 760	Readings in European History	
HIST 780	Readings in World History	
<b>6xx - level or higher courses (At least 3 and no more than 6 of these credits must come from non-HIST courses)</b>		<b>15</b>
HIST 899	Doctoral Dissertation	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>29</b>