

HISTORY

Graduate Programs

The Department of History offers programs leading to the MA and PhD in history. In addition to the general Graduate College requirements, the candidate for the MA or PhD degree with a major in history is expected to have completed approximately thirty semester credit hours (including eighteen upper-division hours) of undergraduate history courses, with an undergraduate grade-point average of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.

The Master of Arts Degree

Admission to the MA program requires submission of scores for the verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections of the Graduate Record Examination. Candidates for the MA degree choose one of two alternative plans. Requirements common to both plans include completion of a course (HIST 5023 Historical Methods) in historical methods of research and writing, research and reading seminars, and a thesis. Students must maintain at least a 3.00 ("B") grade-point average. An advisory committee will be appointed for each student during the second semester of enrollment. The two plans are designed for different careers, and the distinctive requirements of each are summarized below:

Plan I

(This plan is recommended for those planning to continue graduate studies at the doctoral level.) Students must complete a minimum of thirty hours of graduate courses in two fields. These hours must include at least twelve hours of seminar (including at least one research seminar), (HIST 5023 Historical Methods), and six hours of thesis (HIST 5000 Thesis). Students must take at least twelve hours in the major field and at least nine in a minor field. With the consent of their advisory committee, students may take course(s) at the graduate level in a related discipline.

Fields of study include:

- United States
- Europe
- World (Africa, Asia, Ancient World, Latin America, and/or Middle East)

Students must demonstrate satisfactory reading knowledge of one foreign language.

Plan II

(Public History.) Students must complete a minimum of thirty-six hours of graduate courses. These hours must include the following:

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| At least nine hours of seminar (reading and/or research) | | 9 |
| HIST 5023 | Historical Methods | 3 |
| HIST 5033 | Introduction to Public History | 3 |
| HIST 5030 | Public History Internship | 3-6 |
| HIST 5000 | Thesis | 6 |

Normally, students will also take HIST 5053 Museum Studies and/or HIST 5063 Historic Preservation. With the approval of the student's advisory committee, as many as nine of these hours may be taken in related disciplines. The foreign language requirement required of Plan I students is optional, but a student's advisory committee may require foreign language proficiency for certain topics.

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree

Admission to the PhD program requires submission of scores for the verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections of the Graduate Record Examination. Applicants must also meet Oklahoma State University requirements for the MA degree in history, with preference for applicants having at least a 3.50 grade-point-average (on a 4.00 scale).

The PhD program requires at least sixty hours beyond the MA degree. Students must select 3 fields of study—a general field (at least fifteen hours), a major field (at least twelve hours), and a minor field (at least nine hours) from the options shown below. The minor fields must not duplicate the general or major fields. To be admitted to candidacy, students must pass comprehensive examinations, demonstrate a reading knowledge of one foreign language, have an approved dissertation proposal, and submit a Plan of Study to the Graduate College before writing a dissertation.

All PhD students must take HIST 6023 Historiography and HIST 5021 Teaching History at the College Level, and at least eighteen hours of seminar, including at least three hours of research seminar. Students without a MA thesis must take HIST 5023 Historical Methods. With the consent of their advisory committee, students may apply graduate course work taken outside the History Department to their major field.

General fields

- United States
- Europe to 1789
- Europe after 1789

Major fields (including but not limited to)

- United States West
- Native North America
- Medicine, Environment, and Food
- Religion
- Gender
- War and society
- Race and ethnicity

Minor fields

- North America
- Europe
- Ancient World
- Middle East
- Asia
- Latin America
- Public History

Upon the recommendation of the departmental Director of Graduate Studies, a PhD advisory committee of no fewer than four voting members will be appointed by the Dean of the Graduate College. This committee consists of members of the OSU Graduate Faculty (at least one from each of the examination fields and one from outside the History Department), including the student's major advisor, who acts as a chairperson and must have PhD chairing privileges.