History (HIST)

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Department of History website (http://www.marquette.edu/history/grad.shtml)

Degrees Offered
Master of Arts, Plan B only; Doctor of Philosophy

Program Description
History includes politics, economics, and aesthetics, as well as social, spiritual and cultural relations—our past, our present and our potential as human beings. The history graduate program, mindful of the discipline’s manifold importance and application, offers master of arts and doctoral degree programs in breadth and depth.

Graduate study in history permits students to increase their knowledge of the past and the processes that have shaped the human experience. Such study may prepare students for careers in scholarship, teaching or certain public service fields.

Prerequisites for Admission
For admission to the master of arts program, an applicant must have an undergraduate major in history or a closely related field. An applicant for the doctoral program must possess a master of arts in history.

Application Deadline
To be considered for admission, all application requirements must be completed and received in the Graduate School by January 15 for the following fall.

Application Requirements
Applicants must submit, directly to the Graduate School:

1. A completed application form and fee online (http://www.marquette.edu/history/grad.shtml).
2. Copies of all college/university transcripts except Marquette.
3. A one-page statement of purpose specifying proposed areas of study and academic interests.
4. Three letters of recommendation from former teachers.
5. GRE scores (General Test only). This requirement may be waived for M.A. applicants who are/were Marquette undergraduates or students who have completed classes at Marquette as a graduate or professional student (in a degree or non-degree status).
6. (For doctoral applicants only) a writing sample. Ideally, the sample should be the master’s thesis, but, for graduates of non-thesis programs, it may consist of a formal seminar paper.
7. (For international applicants only) a TOEFL score or other acceptable proof of English proficiency.

Upon admission, final official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities, with certified English translations if original language is not English, must be submitted to the Graduate School within the first five weeks of the term of admission or a hold preventing registration for future terms will be placed on the student’s record.

General Information
Direction and Advising
The director of graduate studies is charged with directing the department’s graduate programs and with the general advising of all graduate students in matters of course selection, financial aid and placement. In addition, each student chooses, in consultation with the director of graduate studies, a field adviser who will direct the student’s field-specific work, including: the master’s essay, the selection of post-master’s course work, completion of the Doctoral Program Planning Form and the doctoral dissertation.

Degrees Overview
Students begin with the course HIST 6100 The Art and Craft of History, which provides not only methodological and epistemological approaches, but also introduces students to professors who discuss their specific interests and fields. Master of arts candidates concentrate major/minor fields in American, European (including medieval), or global histories in their 30 hours of course work. They must also pass comprehensive examinations and submit a master’s essay to fulfill degree requirements. The doctoral program offers degrees with a focus in European or United States histories. Doctoral candidates must have a master’s degree and normally complete 60 hours of course work beyond the bachelor’s. They must also pass a foreign
language examination and written and oral doctoral qualifying exams in major and minor fields. Candidates attain the doctorate with the composition and defense of a book-length dissertation.

**History Master’s Requirements**

**Specializations:** European History, United States History, Global Studies

All master’s students must complete 30 credit hours of course work, a master’s essay and a comprehensive examination. At least 18 credit hours of course work must be in history courses numbered 6000 or above, and at least six of those credits must be in research seminars. With the consent of the department chairperson, six hours of graduate work outside the department may be included in the master of arts program. Students in Medieval history are examined only in that field but must take at least six credit hours of graduate work in another field. No foreign language is required for the master’s degree.

The three major areas in the master of arts program and corresponding fields are:

- European History - Medieval, Early Modern or Modern
- United States History - Early U.S. or Modern U.S.
- Global Studies

**European History Specialization Courses**

**Required courses:**
- HIST 6100 The Art and Craft of History
- HIST 6954 Seminar in History (taken twice)

**Additional courses selected from:**
- HIST 6235 Medieval Europe
- HIST 6240 Early Modern Europe
- HIST 6245 Nineteenth-Century Europe
- HIST 6250 Twentieth-Century Europe
- HIST 6510 Studies in Medieval History
- HIST 6520 Studies in Early Modern History
- HIST 6525 Studies in European History
- HIST 5210 The Black Death
- HIST 5212 The Crusades
- HIST 5245 Women in Western Civilization
- HIST 5247 Comparative Home Fronts during the Second World War
- HIST 5249 Intellectual History of Modern Europe
- HIST 5250 Tudor England: 1485 to 1603
- HIST 5251 War and Revolution in Britain: 1603-1815
- HIST 5252 Modern Britain
- HIST 5255 The British Empire
- HIST 5260 Modern Ireland
- HIST 5262 Modern France
- HIST 5264 Modern Germany
- HIST 5266 Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
- HIST 5270 Russia to 1861
- HIST 5271 The Russian Revolution and the Soviet Union
- HIST 5290 The French Revolution and Napoleon: 1787 to 1815
- HIST 5298 The Cold War

Other courses as appropriate to field.

**Total Credit Hours**

30

**United States History Specialization Courses**

**Required courses:**
- HIST 6100 The Art and Craft of History
- HIST 6954 Seminar in History (taken twice)

**Additional courses selected from:**

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**HIST 6110**  The British Atlantic World to the American Revolution  
**HIST 6115**  The American Revolution and the New Nation  
**HIST 6120**  The Sectional Conflict, Civil War Era and Gilded Age  
**HIST 6125**  United States in the Twentieth Century  
**HIST 6500**  Studies in United States History  
**HIST 5100**  Public History  
**HIST 5101**  Applied History  
**HIST 5113**  American Foreign Relations 1  
**HIST 5114**  American Foreign Relations 2  
**HIST 5115**  The American West  
**HIST 5120**  American Immigration  
**HIST 5130**  Religion and American Life  
**HIST 5135**  African-American History  
**HIST 5140**  American Urban History  
**HIST 5145**  A History of Women in America  
**HIST 5150**  Childhood in America  
**HIST 5155**  A History of Native America  
**HIST 5160**  Cultural and Intellectual History of the United States  

Other courses as appropriate to field.  

**Total Credit Hours** 30

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### Global Studies Specialization Courses

**Required courses:** 9  
**HIST 6100**  The Art and Craft of History  
**HIST 6954**  Seminar in History (taken twice)  

**Additional courses selected from:** 21  
**HIST 6300**  Global History  
**HIST 6530**  Studies in Latin American History  
**HIST 6535**  Studies in African History  
**HIST 6540**  Studies in Asian History  
**HIST 6545**  Studies in Global History  
**HIST 5310**  Colonial Latin America  
**HIST 5320**  United States-Latin American Relations  
**HIST 5350**  The Caribbean  
**HIST 5355**  History of Mexico  
**HIST 5450**  North Africa  
**HIST 5460**  Modern South Africa  
**HIST 5500**  Modern Japan  
**HIST 5525**  Age of the Samurai  
**HIST 5550**  Medieval East Asia  
**HIST 5555**  Modern China  
**HIST 5600**  Comparative Twentieth-Century Genocides  

Other courses as appropriate to field.  

**Total Credit Hours** 30

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### Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive written examination lasts nine hours. A committee of two examiners assess the master of arts candidate’s command of the fields of study and knowledge of historical literature. Students in U.S. and European history are examined in one major field and one minor field chosen from within the three major areas of study according to their regional and chronological emphases. Students in Medieval history are examined in the Medieval field alone. Students in Global Studies are examined in this broadly-focused major field. They must also select a minor field from among four options: Latin America, Asia, Africa or Atlantic World.
ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S-MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

The accelerated degree program in history allows Marquette University students to earn both a bachelor of arts degree with a major or minor in history and a master of arts degree in history in five years. This option is especially well-suited for students pursuing careers in public history and allied fields. For additional information about requirements, interested students should contact the Department of History.

ADP students complete 12 hours of approved graduate credit in history during the senior undergraduate year that count as part of the undergraduate credit hour requirement.

As seniors, the students enroll in HIST 6100 The Art and Craft of History, a required class for all entering graduate students, during the fall term. In the spring, they enroll in the graduate research seminar (HIST 6954 Seminar in History). That course may be counted as the seminar requirement for the history major. During the senior year, they also enroll in two other graduate classes at the 5000 or 6000 level that relate to their proposed field of history as advised by the director of graduate studies. These graduate courses offer students the possibility to pursue topics of interest to them in more depth than they are able to in undergraduate classes. They also couple smaller class sizes and more opportunities for participation with an emphasis on the refinement of student research skills.

Upon completion of the first term as a master's candidate, the student must petition the Graduate School to transfer the courses taken as an undergraduate to the master’s degree. All remaining master’s degree requirements may be completed during the subsequent fall and spring terms.

As a master’s candidate, ADP students enroll in a second graduate research seminar (HIST 6954 Seminar in History) during the fall term and also complete five other graduate courses to earn the 30 credits required for the master of arts degree. The other degree requirements are the master’s essay and comprehensive exam. To allow ADP students to benefit from course work that helps exam preparation, their comprehensive exam is offered in April (other master of arts students take the exam at the regularly scheduled time in February).

History Doctoral Requirements

Specializations: European History, United States History

The two major areas in the doctoral program and subfields are:

- European History - Early Modern or Modern
- United States History - Early U.S. or Modern U.S.

Qualifying examinations, both written and oral, will be taken in both fields of the student's major area. The oral component of the examination may also address the student's topical research field.

In addition to the exams in the major fields, the doctoral student fulfills requirements for a research and a teaching field as defined in departmental guidelines and subject to the approval of the Graduate Committee.

A doctoral student must complete a program of study defined on an approved Doctoral Program Planning Form. The program includes course work, a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language, the qualifying examination and a dissertation.

COURSE WORK

The department’s normal course work requirement for the doctoral program is 42 credit hours beyond the master’s degree, representing 30 credit hours of course work plus the 12 credit hours required for the doctoral dissertation. In the 42 credits required, a student must complete six credit hours of research seminar courses and a three-hour dissertation seminar. If a student earned a master of arts in history at Marquette University, HIST 6100 The Art and Craft of History could be waived as part of the doctoral program, but must be replaced with an additional 3-credit history course.

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Additional courses as appropriate to field

HIST 8999  Doctoral Dissertation  12

Total Credit Hours  42

United States History Specialization Courses

Required courses:

HIST 6100  The Art and Craft of History  12
HIST 6954  Seminar in History (taken twice)
HIST 8960  Dissertation Seminar

Additional courses selected from:

HIST 6110  The British Atlantic World to the American Revolution
HIST 6115  The American Revolution and the New Nation
HIST 6120  The Sectional Conflict, Civil War Era and Gilded Age
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Additional courses as appropriate to field

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Foreign Language Requirement

The student must have knowledge of at least one foreign language pertinent to their area of research. Reading skills in foreign languages are assessed by the department. Students may also satisfy their foreign language competency requirement by achieving at least a B in a 6204 course offered by
the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures. Satisfactory competence in the foreign language must be demonstrated prior to the qualifying examinations, and students in continental European history must demonstrate command of the language appropriate to their research goals no later than the end of their first term of doctoral study. Failure to do so precludes further course work until the student demonstrates the appropriate language competency. The dissertation director may require a doctoral student to show competence in a second foreign language or in statistical methods when the dissertation topic requires it.

**Qualifying Examination**

After completing all formal course work and language study, the doctoral student must take the doctoral qualifying examinations (DQEs), written and oral, in their major fields. Written qualifying examinations are nine hours in duration. Oral qualifying examinations, two hours in duration, are held about ten days after the written examinations.

The qualifying examination covers either European (early modern and modern) or United States History (from exploration and settlement to the present). A committee of three department members assesses examination performance on the complete exam (written and oral components). A unanimous vote is required to pass the exam.