School of Arts and Humanities

History

Overview

The program leading to the MA in History is designed both for individuals wishing to enhance their knowledge of and skills at the study of the past and for those intending to pursue a doctorate in a related field. Thus, students seeking the MA in History have two options, a "research" or a "professional" option. Students with plans for doctoral study should choose the research option.

Students in the research option must complete thirty-six semester credit hours of coursework, demonstrate reading proficiency in an approved foreign language, and successfully complete a master's thesis.

Faculty

Professors: Matthew J. Brown, David F. Channell, Pamela Gossin, David A. Patterson, Nils Roemer

Associate Professors: J. Michael Farmer, S. Deborah Kang, Monica Rankin, Natalie J. Ring, Eric Schlereth, Daniel B. Wickberg, Michael L. Wilson

Assistant Professors: Rosemary Admiral, Anne Fischer, Kimberly Hill, Amy Kerner, Whitney Stewart, Benjamin (Ben) Wright

Professor Emeriti: Joan Chandler, R. David Edmunds, Stephen G. Rabe, Michael S. Simpson

Associate Professors Emeriti: Peter Park, Gerald L. Soliday

Master of Arts in History

36 semester credit hours minimum

Coursework: 36 semester credit hours

Major Core Course: 3 semester credit hours

HIST 6301 Historiography

Electives in History (HIST): 24 semester credit hours

Twenty-four semester credit hours chosen from graduate courses in HIST. Normally no more than six semester credit hours of independent study are applicable to the degree plan.
Elective Course: 3 semester credit hours

Three semester credit hours in any organized course outside of History (HIST) but normally in the Humanities Graduate Program.

Thesis: 6 semester credit hours

Having completed thirty semester credit hours of coursework, students must write and present a thesis in history for evaluation by a master's committee.

HIST 6399 Master's Thesis

Professional Option

Students in the professional option in History must complete thirty-six semester credit hours of coursework, including HIST 6301 and normally all in organized HIST courses. They are not required to complete a thesis or meet a foreign-language requirement, and they receive a terminal degree.

1. Students are expected to complete this course within their first two semesters of enrollment.