

HISTORY

Degree: Master of Arts
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 College: Arts and Sciences

The full-time graduate student should expect to spend a minimum of three semesters working on the master's degree. Applicants to the graduate program must have a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper-level history courses. Students accepted into the program without the 15 semester hours will be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate level courses. With the approval of the chairperson and departmental graduate committee, a maximum of 6 semester hours of history graduate work can be transferred from another institution or taken while in a non-degree status at UWF. Such courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or better.

In addition to general University requirements, students must write a thesis (6 semester hours) or take HIS 6911 and write a substantial research paper under the direction of a history faculty member. Students who write a thesis must defend it in an oral examination with the thesis committee. The graduate committee may require a student to present a foreign language if essential to the major research project. Students must earn at least a "B-" in each graduate course to receive credit toward their graduate program.

Students must apply for advancement to candidacy upon completion of 15 semester hours. The thesis or research paper advisor will then be appointed as the academic advisor.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this catalog.

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Students may count one 3 semester hour course outside history toward degree requirements. Before taking the class, they must obtain approval from their advisor and petition the history faculty, who will make the final decision.

Students must complete graduate work within five years. Students may petition for extension of the five-year rule if circumstances do not permit completion of the requirement.

At least 18 semester hours must be at the 6000 level.

The Department of History offers the following two programs for the traditional M.A. degree.

Plan A

As part of the requirement, the student will write a thesis and pass an oral examination covering both the thesis and its general historical context. The program requires 33 semester hours of graduate history course work including thesis.

Students will select 15 semester hours in the major field (United States or European) and 6 semester hours in thesis.

Plan B

This program is designed for the student who prefers a wide range of studies in history. A student must take 33 semester hours of graduate history course work distributed in the following manner: 9 semester hours in European history, 9 semester hours in United States history, 12 semester hours of electives, and 3 semester hours of research seminar (HIS 6911).

PUBLIC HISTORY

The Public History specialization (36 semester hours) within the UWF history department will train students in the various aspects of public, or applied, history. Public history is basically the study of history outside the academic setting. Students will learn about the numerous ways in which public historians think and operate as professionals. Beginning with an introductory seminar, students will then develop both traditional and public history skills and techniques. Students will work in two or more areas of public history specialization including community history, museology and museum studies, policy history, environmental history, and/or media history. Coursework is offered through both the history department and through other university departments and programs. To facilitate the learning of various skills and research techniques, students will participate in a six-credit internship with an appropriate agency or organization. As an additional non-thesis option, students will complete and defend an extensive report on their internship experience. The combination of traditional and applied skills with the practical application of public history in the field will provide students with the resources to secure employment following graduation.

Public History Core (15 sh)

HIS 5059	Graduate Methods	3
	(an elective may be substituted if the student has completed HIS 3002)	
HIS 6055	Public History Methodology	3
	Approved 5/6000 level European History elective	3
	Approved 5/6000 level American History elective	3
	Approved 5/6000 level Latin American/African/Asian/ Ethnic elective	3

Internship (6 sh)

HIS 6056	Public History Internship	6
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Applied History/Non-History Electives (15 sh)

Choose 9-12 sh from history electives listed below:

AMH 5578	African-American Community History	3
AMH 5636	Environmental History	3
HIS 5087	Advanced Museology	3
HIS 5067	Policy History	3
HIS 6077	Oral & Community History	3
HIS 6406	Seminar: Urban History	3

Choose 3 - 6 sh from outside electives listed below:

ANG 5137	Nautical Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG 5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar	3
ARH 5836	Museum/Gallery Studies Practicum	3
COM 5121	Organizational Communication	3
FIL 5407C	History of Motion Pictures I	3
MAN 5204	Modern Organization Theory	3
MMC 5267	Communication Technologies	3

MMC 6507	Film-Television Theory & Criticism	3
MMC 6616	Media, Culture & Society	3
PAD 6227	Public Budgeting	3

HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

This 36 semester hours program is designed for students with a bachelor's degree in history or anthropology/archaeology who want to pursue a professional career in archaeology and/or history or continue a doctoral program in either discipline. This degree will qualify the graduate for entry level professional positions in cultural resource management, some aspects of public archaeology and history with private consulting firms, government regulatory branches, or university research institutes.

FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES

Archaeology Foundational Proficiencies

ANT 2511	Biological Anthropology	4
ANT 3101	Principles of Archaeology	3
ANT 3212	Peoples and Cultures of the World	3
ANT 4172	Historical Archaeology	3
	Archaeology Field School (Terrestrial, Maritime, or Combined)	3

History Foundational Proficiencies

15 sh of upper division history courses that include 3 sh in methods, 3 sh in United States history, 3 sh in European history, and 6 sh of electives. If not completed prior to admission, all 15 hours must be completed within the first two semesters.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Historical Archaeology Courses (15 sh)

ANG 5137	Nautical Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG 5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG 6115	Advanced Method & Theory in Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG 6196	Policies, Practices & Archaeology in Historic Preservation	3
ANG 6824	Advanced Archaeological Field Methods	3

History Courses (15 sh)

	Approved 5/6000 level history courses (including at least 3 sh in European history)	15
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Research Options (6 sh)

Choose one:

HIS 6971	Thesis	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	
	<i>or</i>	
HIS 6911	Master's Research	3
	Course offered 1-3 sh per semester	
	<i>and</i>	
	5000/6000 level approved Anthropology or Archaeology course	3