

# History

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Certificate: Historic Preservation Studies  
College: Arts and Sciences

The History Department offers three specializations leading to the Master of Arts in History. The first is the traditional history degree with the option of completing either a thesis or internship. The Public History Specialization trains students in the various aspects of public, or applied, history and requires completion of an internship. The third specialization, Historic Preservation, is interdisciplinary in nature, and students have the option of completing either a thesis or internship.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to general University requirements, an applicant to the M.A. program in History must meet the specific Departmental requirements listed below.

1. B.A. degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. A minimum 3.0 GPA.
3. A 1000 combined verbal and quantitative on the GRE.
4. The "Foundational Proficiencies" as noted below.
5. A formal letter of interest, background and professional goals.

The Department reserves the right to a personal interview to determine an applicant's potential for graduate study.

The Department reserves the right to admit conditionally an applicant who meets most but not all of the above requirements. This is done upon the recommendation of the Graduate Committee and under the conditions set by that Committee and the Chair of the Department. A student admitted conditionally must complete all requirements of that admission, including the required "Foundational Proficiencies," before starting the graduate program.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The full-time graduate student should expect to spend a minimum of three semesters at UWF to earn a degree.

With the approval of the Department Chair and the Graduate Committee, a maximum of 6 semester hours of history graduate course work can be transferred from another institution or be taken while in a non-degree status at UWF. Such courses must be completed with a grade of "B" or better.

A student must earn at least a "B-" in each graduate course taken at UWF to receive credit for that course and an overall 3.00 CGPA for all courses in the program.

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

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

A student must take at least 18 semester hours of graduate course work at the 6000 level.

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

### **COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS**

All Master's students in History and Public History must pass a departmental written comprehensive examination, which will be offered during the fall and spring semesters. The examination is designed to demonstrate a student's depth and breadth of knowledge, familiarity with historical interpretations, and both analytical and organizational skills. Students planning to take comprehensives must register for the examination with the Department of History secretary no later than one month before the examination. No student who has an incomplete grade on his or her record for a course required for the Master's degree in History will be permitted to take the comprehensive exam.

Grades given for the comprehensive examination are distinguished, pass, or fail. The chair of the History Department will inform the student in writing of the results of the examination. History and Public History students who do not pass one of the questions may take that section over, but those who do not pass at least three of the four comprehensive questions must take the entire exam the next time it is offered. If a Master's Degree candidate does not pass the comprehensive examination after the second attempt, he or she cannot continue in the program.

### **HISTORY**

The M.A. Degree in History is a traditional degree that equips students to pursue further graduate study or to begin an enriching career. Students may focus their course work in American or European history but acquire a broad knowledge and marketable skills that prepare them for a Ph.D. program in history or for a career teaching at the middle school, high school or community-college level or working in governmental and non-governmental agencies, institutional planning, libraries, museums, archives, non-profits, politics or publishing.

### **FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES**

An applicant must have a minimum 3.0 in 15 semester hours of upper-level history courses. Students accepted without the 15 semester hours of prerequisite work will be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate level courses.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Plan A**

Plan A requires 33 semester hours of graduate history course work, including the thesis. At least 15 semester hours must be in the major field (United States or European) and 6 semester hours in thesis. The student must write the thesis under the direction of a History faculty member and defend it in an oral examination before a thesis committee.

#### **Plan B**

Plan B 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 in history, and 3 semester hours of

research seminar (HIS 6911). In the research seminar, the student must write a substantial research paper under the direction of a History faculty member.

The student may count one 3-semester hour course taken outside of history toward degree requirements with the prior approval of their academic advisor and the History faculty, who will make the final decision.

### **PUBLIC HISTORY**

The Public History specialization within the UWF history department trains students in the various aspects of public, or applied, history (i.e., the study of history outside the academic setting). Students learn about the numerous ways in which public historians think and operate as professionals.

Beginning with an introductory seminar, students develop both traditional and public history skills and techniques. Students 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 other university departments and programs.

To facilitate the learning of various skills and research techniques, students participate in a six-credit internship with an appropriate agency or organization. As the thesis equivalent, students 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 provide students with the resources to secure employment following graduation.

### **FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES**

An applicant must have a minimum 3.0 in 15 semester hours of upper-level history courses. Students accepted without the 15 semester hours of prerequisite work will be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate level courses.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Public History Core (15 sh)**

HIS	5059	Graduate Methods (an elective may be substituted if the student has completed HIS 3002)	3
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	Graduate History Internship Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	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

AMH	6429	Seminar: Local History	3
EUH	6615	Gender & Community in the Middle Ages	3
HIS	5067	Policy History	3
HIS	5077	Oral & Community History	3
HIS	5087	Advanced Museology	3
HIS	6083	Historic & Heritage Preservation Seminar	3
HIS	6406	Seminar: Urban History	3

Approved 5/6000 Level Applied History Elective

*Choose 3 - 6 sh from outside electives listed below:*

ANG	5137	Nautical Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG	5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG	6196	Policies, Practices & Archaeology in Historic Preservation	3
ANG	6704	Historic Preservation Law Seminar	3
ARH	5045	Outline of American Architecture	3
ARH	5046	Outline of European Architecture	3
ARH	5836	Museum/Gallery Studies Practicum	3
COM	5121	Organizational Communication	3
EVR	5413	Environmental Aspects of Urban Growth	3
EVR	6930	Special Topics in Environmental Sciences	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
PAD	5107	Modern Organization Theory	3
PAD	5807	Local Government Administration	3
PAD	6227	Public Budgeting	3
PAD	6305	Public Policy Analysis	3
PAD	6425	Conflict Management & Resolution in Public and Nonprofit Organizations	3
PAD	6443	The Media and Public Administration	3

Approved 5/6000 Level Outside Elective

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

The Historic Preservation Studies Specialization is an interdisciplinary specialization in the History Master of Arts program with course work from history, art, and archaeology. The program provides interdisciplinary graduate education in historic and cultural preservation, public history and archaeology, historical art and architecture, cultural resource management, and museum administration. Students in the program will gain

the necessary knowledge and expertise to participate in and to lead the management of cultural and historical resources.

While the degree is in history, students may specialize in one of three disciplines: history, archaeology, or art. Regardless of major disciplinary emphasis, however, all students will be required to take certain required courses in each of these disciplines to ensure broad-based skills in all major areas of historical and heritage resource management. They must also complete a 6 semester hour thesis or internship.

### **FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES**

The applicant will have his or her academic background assessed upon application and may be required to complete some limited prerequisite undergraduate coursework.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

#### **History (12 sh)**

HIS	6055	Public History Methodology	3
HIS	6083	Historic and Heritage Preservation Seminar	3

*Choose two history electives:*

AMH	5578	African-American Community History	3
AMH	5636	Environmental History	3
AMH	6429	Seminar: Local History	3
HIS	5059	Graduate Methods	3
HIS	5067	Policy History	3
HIS	5077	Oral and Community History	3
HIS	5087	Advanced Museology	3
HIS	5088	Museum Administration Seminar	3
HIS	6406	Seminar: Urban History	3

#### **Archaeology (9 sh)**

ANG	6196	Policies, Practices and Archaeology in Historic Preservation	3
ANG	6704	Historic Preservation Law Seminar	3

*Choose one archaeology elective:*

ANG	5137	Nautical Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG	5157	Pre-Columbian Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG	5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG	6115	Advanced Method & Theory in Archaeology Seminar	3
ANG	6824	Advanced Archaeological Field Methods	3

#### **Art (9 sh)**

ARH	5045	Outline of American Architecture	3
ARH	5046	Outline of European Architecture	3

*Choose one art elective:*

ARH	5836	Museum/Gallery Studies Practicum	3
		5000/6000 level advisor approved art (ART)	
		or art history (ARH) elective	3

**Internship/Thesis (6 sh)**

*Choose one in area of emphasis:*

HIS	6056	Graduate History Internship	6
		Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	
HIS	6971	Thesis	6
		Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	