

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 research paper. 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.

Contact the department for information concerning the certificate.

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.

- A. B.A. degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- B. A minimum 3.0 GPA.
- C. A 1000 combined verbal and quantitative on the GRE.
- D. The "Foundational Proficiencies" as noted below.
- E. 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.

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. Contact the department for additional information and requirements.

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 6 sh 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

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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	Graduate History Practicum	6
	Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	

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	Seminar: Gender & Community in the Middle Ages	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	3

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	3
COM 5121	Organizational Communication	3
EVR 5413	Environmental Aspects of Urban Growth	3
EVR 6930	Special Topics in Environmental Sciences	3
FIL 5038C	History of Motion Pictures I	3
MAN 5204	Modern Organization Theory	3
MMC 5267	Communication Technologies	3
PAD 5107	Modern Public Organization Theory	3
PAD 6227	Public Budgeting	3
PAD 6305	Public Policy Analysis	3
PAD 6425	Public Service Conflict Management & Resolution	3
PAD 6443	The Media and Public Administration	3
	Approved 5/6000 Level Outside Elective	3

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 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 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
5000/6000 level advisor approved archaeology (ANG) elective.....			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	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 Practicum	6
Course offered 1-6 sh per semester			
HIS	6971	Thesis	6
Course offered 1-6 sh per semester			