

HISTORY, MA

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Introduction

The master of arts in history requires 36 semester hours (12 courses). Students applying for admission to the program should have some background in history, though not necessarily a BA in the subject. The department encourages applications from individuals of any age interested in continuing or resuming their education. Graduate students in history develop skills in critical thinking, writing and independent research. Our program prepares students for a wide variety of professions, including teaching, government service, museum and archive management, and historic preservation, as well as further degree work in history, law, librarianship and business. The department expects that students graduating with an MA in history will master the following general skills for their degrees:

- The ability to pursue independent historical research projects
- The ability to analyze historiographical arguments
- The ability to analyze primary documents and develop arguments from them
- The ability to create bibliographies using archival, library, and Internet resources
- The ability to write in a variety of formats, including historiographical essays, book reviews, and research papers

Students will also master knowledge of the basic historical content of both their major and minor fields, and an understanding of the historiographies and historical methods in their major and minor fields.

Graduate Advising

Early in their first semester, students should contact the history department graduate advisor to discuss their path through the program and to receive advice regarding the selection of major and minor fields.

Degree Tracking Responsibility

Although faculty will provide reasonable guidance, it is up to students to monitor their own progress through the program in consultation with the graduate advisor and their major and minor advisors; this includes knowledge and understanding of application and graduate deadlines, degree requirements, comprehensive exam expectations and processes, thesis guidelines, etc.

Major Fields, Minor Fields, and Concentrations

The MA in history seeks to provide students with a balance of breadth and depth in the study of history. Major fields are broad areas of study within which students gain a general picture of historical processes. Concentrations provide focus for developing expertise within the major, either regionally or thematically. Minor fields provide a complementary or comparative area and must sit outside the major field.

Advisors and students together will work out Plans of Study, which indicate the courses students intend to take to meet their requirements, based on their selection of major and minor fields. *Students should*

make every effort to enroll in courses that best fit their major field, major concentration and minor field.

The department has core readings for the Public History and US History fields. Students will draw on these readings for their comprehensive exams. Students working in all fields will coordinate their readings with their major and minor advisors.

Major Field Concentrations

Students work with advisors to select one of the major field concentrations listed below. Concentrations provide thematic or regional focus to a broad geographical or methodological major (e.g. for the global history major, students could concentrate on trade, borders, imperialism, etc.. or any of the areas of regional expertise of our faculty). Readings for the major field concentration are in addition to the core reading list. Note that students may select their concentrations and the options for minors from the same lists.

Minor Fields

Students can define their minor field as a specialization within one of the four major fields or as topics from the list of concentrations. Note that students may select their concentrations and the options for minors from the same lists.

Choosing Advisors and Fields of Study

All history MA candidates choose a major field and a minor field. Students will take courses in these fields and will be tested in these fields. After consulting with the graduate advisor, students are responsible for securing two field advisors, one to oversee their progress in the major field, the other to oversee their minor field. All students should have chosen their fields and advisors by the end of the semester in which they have complete 12 credit hours. Students will also need a third advisor for the comprehensive examinations. This third advisor is typically in their major field and students should always consult with them during preparation for the examinations.

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits from approved courses.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 18 credits at the 6000 level.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of B- (2.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 3.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. All credits for the degree must be completed with CU Denver faculty. A maximum of 12 credits of relevant graduate work may be transferred from another university with the program director's approval.

Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

1. With approval from the graduate advisor and the appropriate faculty, students may transfer up to nine graduate-level credits accrued before enrollment in the CU Denver MA history degree program, provided that they earned a grade of B+ or better in these courses. Students must submit a syllabus for each course they wish to transfer, and faculty may require students to complete additional assignments to meet the expectations of the department. The

department will not accept transfer of courses comparable to HIST 6013, Introduction to the Professional Study of History.

- All history MA students must have a major field and a minor field, and they must complete half of their course work at the 6000 level.
- Students may not select their major and minor fields from the same group.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take the following</i>		
HIST 6013	Introduction to the Professional Study of History	3

Code	Title	Hours
Major Field		18

Core Course in Major Field (3-6 semester hours)

Public history and U.S. history major fields require core courses covering major approaches and themes. The core courses familiarize students with the field in a broad sense.

Research Seminars (3-6 semester hours)

Research seminars focus on students' development of an original, primary research paper. One 3-semester-hour research seminar is required of all students. A second research seminar is required for students not in public history; the second 3 semester hours can be taken within the major or minor field.

Major Electives (9-12 semester hours)

Major electives are made up of courses in the major and concentration, including readings courses, that address specific field historiographies, and optional extended research credits. Students who choose to do a thesis may apply 6 thesis semester hours (HIST 6950) toward the major electives requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Field		12

Minor electives are made up of courses in the minor field, including readings courses, which address specific field historiographies, or research seminars.

Code	Title	Hours
Open Elective		3

Students may use the open elective to explore a course outside their major or minor or to do extra course work in one of their fields.

Code	Title	Hours
Comprehensive Examinations		

All history MA candidates must pass a comprehensive examination in the major and minor fields after the completion of course work and generally before embarking on a thesis, curriculum project or public history project. The comprehensive exam evaluates students' knowledge of their course work and their reading lists for their major, minor and concentration. The exam consists of a take-home written section, with broad essay questions in both the major and minor fields; this is followed by an oral exam with the student's faculty committee. In answering their exam questions, students are expected to construct arguments and to show mastery of the historiographies, narratives and historical content in their fields. The comprehensive exam is administered and evaluated by a committee of the major advisor, the minor advisor and an outside reader from the history faculty. Students should expect to read 80-100 books combined, as well as significant articles, in their major and minor fields.

HIST 6940	Comprehensive Exam ¹	1
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- ¹ When appropriate, students may enroll in HIST 6940 Comprehensive Exam connected to faculty commitment to preparing students for their examination.

MA Major Fields, Minor Fields and Concentrations

Students must select their major and minor fields from any two of the following three groups. (Students may not select their major and minor fields from the same group).

Group 1: Geographical Concentrations

East Asia

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5421	Modern China	3

Latin America

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3

Middle East

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 5462	Islam in Modern History	3

Europe

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5027	Enlightenment and Revolution	3
HIST 5028	Nations and Classes: 19th Century Europe	3
HIST 5029	Age of Anxiety in Europe	3

HIST 5030	Europe During the World Wars	3
HIST 5035	Crisis and Transformation: Europe's 20th Century	3
HIST 5046	Victorians and Victorianism	3
HIST 5051	Britain and The Empire	3
HIST 5062	Modern France: 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 5071	Modern Germany	3
HIST 5074	Post-War Germany	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5083	Russia Since 1917	3

United States

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	3
HIST 5343	Women & Gender in US History	3

- Colonial and Early Republic

- Nineteenth Century

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5212	Civil War and Reconstruction	3

- U.S. West

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5227	American West	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3

- Twentieth Century

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5217	Consumer Culture	3
HIST 5475	The Vietnam War	3
HIST 5494	Red and Blue America: U.S. History, 1973-Present	3

- U.S. Foreign Policy

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5475	The Vietnam War	3

- Colorado

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5229	Colorado Historic Places	3

Global

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5035	Crisis and Transformation: Europe's 20th Century	3
HIST 5055	The Atlantic Slave Trade: Africa, Caribbean and U.S.	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5076	History of Modern Science	3
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	3
HIST 5490	Weapons of Mass Destruction	3

HIST 5621	Explorers and Exploration	3
HIST 5622	Oceans In History	3

Group 2: Thematic Concentrations Colonialism and Imperialism

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5035	Crisis and Transformation: Europe's 20th Century	3
HIST 5046	Victorians and Victorianism	3
HIST 5051	Britain and The Empire	3
HIST 5055	The Atlantic Slave Trade: Africa, Caribbean and U.S.	3
HIST 5062	Modern France: 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5083	Russia Since 1917	3
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 5462	Islam in Modern History	3
HIST 5475	The Vietnam War	3
HIST 5621	Explorers and Exploration	3
HIST 5622	Oceans In History	3

Cultural History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5028	Nations and Classes: 19th Century Europe	3
HIST 5029	Age of Anxiety in Europe	3
HIST 5046	Victorians and Victorianism	3
HIST 5062	Modern France: 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 5074	Post-War Germany	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5209	Race, Religion, and Belonging	3
HIST 5217	Consumer Culture	3
HIST 5227	American West	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 5462	Islam in Modern History	3
HIST 5494	Red and Blue America: U.S. History, 1973-Present	3

Social History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5027	Enlightenment and Revolution	3
HIST 5028	Nations and Classes: 19th Century Europe	3
HIST 5029	Age of Anxiety in Europe	3
HIST 5030	Europe During the World Wars	3
HIST 5035	Crisis and Transformation: Europe's 20th Century	3
HIST 5046	Victorians and Victorianism	3
HIST 5074	Post-War Germany	3
HIST 5083	Russia Since 1917	3
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5209	Race, Religion, and Belonging	3
HIST 5308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	3
HIST 5343	Women & Gender in US History	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3

HIST 5421	Modern China	3
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 5462	Islam in Modern History	3
HIST 5494	Red and Blue America: U.S. History, 1973-Present	3
HIST 5622	Oceans In History	3

Foreign Policy

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5035	Crisis and Transformation: Europe's 20th Century	3
HIST 5083	Russia Since 1917	3
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3
HIST 5421	Modern China	3
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 5475	The Vietnam War	3
HIST 5490	Weapons of Mass Destruction	3
HIST 5494	Red and Blue America: U.S. History, 1973-Present	3

Economic and Business History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5074	Post-War Germany	3
HIST 5083	Russia Since 1917	3
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5217	Consumer Culture	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 5494	Red and Blue America: U.S. History, 1973-Present	3

Environmental History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5227	American West	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3

Gender and Sexuality

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5307	History of Sexuality	3
HIST 5343	Women & Gender in US History	3

Citizenship and National Identity

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5027	Enlightenment and Revolution	3
HIST 5028	Nations and Classes: 19th Century Europe	3
HIST 5029	Age of Anxiety in Europe	3
HIST 5030	Europe During the World Wars	3
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5035	Crisis and Transformation: Europe's 20th Century	3
HIST 5051	Britain and The Empire	3

HIST 5062	Modern France: 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 5071	Modern Germany	3
HIST 5074	Post-War Germany	3
HIST 5083	Russia Since 1917	3
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5209	Race, Religion, and Belonging	3
HIST 5212	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3
HIST 5421	Modern China	3
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3

War, Revolution and Genocide

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5027	Enlightenment and Revolution	3
HIST 5028	Nations and Classes: 19th Century Europe	3
HIST 5029	Age of Anxiety in Europe	3
HIST 5030	Europe During the World Wars	3
HIST 5035	Crisis and Transformation: Europe's 20th Century	3
HIST 5051	Britain and The Empire	3
HIST 5062	Modern France: 1789 to the Present	3
HIST 5071	Modern Germany	3
HIST 5074	Post-War Germany	3
HIST 5083	Russia Since 1917	3
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5212	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIST 5421	Modern China	3
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	3
HIST 5461	The Modern Middle East	3
HIST 5475	The Vietnam War	3
HIST 5490	Weapons of Mass Destruction	3

Globalization

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5055	The Atlantic Slave Trade: Africa, Caribbean and U.S.	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5622	Oceans In History	3

Urban History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	3

Frontiers and Borderlands

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5227	American West	3
HIST 5229	Colorado Historic Places	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3
HIST 5621	Explorers and Exploration	3
HIST 5622	Oceans In History	3

Race and Ethnicity

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5055	The Atlantic Slave Trade: Africa, Caribbean and U.S.	3
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5209	Race, Religion, and Belonging	3
HIST 5212	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
HIST 5308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3
HIST 5455	African Struggle for Independence	3
HIST 5494	Red and Blue America: U.S. History, 1973-Present	3

Science, Medicine, and Society

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5076	History of Modern Science	3
HIST 5490	Weapons of Mass Destruction	3

Intellectual History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5028	Nations and Classes: 19th Century Europe	3
HIST 5029	Age of Anxiety in Europe	3
HIST 5046	Victorians and Victorianism	3
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5076	History of Modern Science	3
HIST 5462	Islam in Modern History	3
HIST 5621	Explorers and Exploration	3

Material Culture

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5133	Management of Material Culture and Museum Collections	3
HIST 5229	Colorado Historic Places	3
HIST 5232	Historic Preservation	3
HIST 5244	Interpretation of History in Museums: Exhibits and Education	3

Migration and Immigration

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5032	Globalization in World History Since 1945	3
HIST 5071	Modern Germany	3
HIST 5074	Post-War Germany	3
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5227	American West	3
HIST 5412	Mexico and the United States: People and Politics on the Border	3
HIST 5622	Oceans In History	3

Policing and Legal History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5201	Core Themes in U.S. History	3
HIST 5308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	3

Indigenous Histories

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5075	Travel Stories and Origins of Cultural Anthropology	3
HIST 5227	American West	3
HIST 5622	Oceans In History	3

Group 3: Public History

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5234	History at Work: Public and Community History	3

Memory and Community

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5229	Colorado Historic Places	3
HIST 5260	Introduction to Digital Studies	3

Museum Studies

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5133	Management of Material Culture and Museum Collections	3
HIST 5229	Colorado Historic Places	3
HIST 5244	Interpretation of History in Museums: Exhibits and Education	3

Historic Preservation

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5229	Colorado Historic Places	3
HIST 5232	Historic Preservation	3

Note: *Majors in Public History must follow the Plan of Study for Public History.*

Independent Study and/or Internship

Candidates may register for up to 6 hours of internships or independent study, only one of which may be at the 6000-level. Students will not be allowed to fulfill the research seminar requirement with an independent study or internship. Any independent study or internship at the 6000-level needs the permission of the graduate advisor. Students interested in pursuing an independent study or internship must find a faculty member willing to oversee their work, and they should expect the workload to equal or exceed that required for other courses at the same level.

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 5840	Independent Study: History	1-3
HIST 6840	Independent Study: HIST	1-3
HIST 6939	Internship	3
Total Hours		5-9

Master's Degree Extended Research Options

The MA program in history offers a set of courses in which students can develop extended research interests. Students must select an advisor and develop a proposal for a specific research agenda in the semester before beginning work on a project.

Required Public History Thesis (HIST 6950 Master's Thesis) **or Project** (HIST 6952 Master's Project: Public History)

Students majoring in public history must complete either a thesis (6 semester hours) or a project (usually 3 semester hours).

Optional Thesis for Students in U.S. Global and European History (HIST 6950 Master's Thesis)

Students majoring in U.S., Global, or European history can choose to write a thesis (6 semester hours in their major field).

Optional Advanced History Curriculum Development (HIST 6951 Masters Project: Advanced History Curriculum Development)

Students who undertake their master's program when they are already teachers or who intend to become teachers can choose to construct curriculum projects relevant to their teaching practice. See the separate section below on "Opportunities for Teachers and Teachers-in-Training."

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 6950	Master's Thesis	1-6
HIST 6951	Masters Project: Advanced History Curriculum Development	1-6
HIST 6952	Master's Project: Public History	1-6

Thesis Requirements

Students writing theses are expected to develop an original research agenda resulting in an extended paper. Students work with their major field advisor, who will help guide them through the process of research and writing. Students will enroll for six credit hours in HIST 6950 Master's Thesis over one or more semesters to complete their theses. Before registering for HIST 6950 Master's Thesis, students should have a thesis proposal and initial bibliography approved by their major advisor.

A thesis is evaluated by a committee of three faculty, including the major advisor and two other faculty members chosen by the student in consultation with the major advisor. Upon completion of the thesis, the student meets with the committee members, who ask questions about the research and conclusions which the student must defend. In most instances, the committee will require further revisions, sometimes major in scope, before the thesis is accepted and cleared for submission to the Graduate School in fulfillment of degree requirements.

Project Requirements

In lieu of a thesis, public history majors may choose to enroll in three credit hours of HIST 6952 Master's Project: Public History to complete a public history project. Projects, which are usually conducted in collaboration with a public history organization, can entail creating an exhibit, developing a museum master plan or organizing an archival collection, conducting a preservation survey, or other activities as approved by their advisor. Students are required to prepare an analytical paper describing the process and results of their project.

Opportunities for Teachers and Teachers-in-Training

Curriculum Projects

Licensed teachers and students who intend to become teachers may choose to complete a curriculum development project. Students arrange curriculum development projects with a sponsoring faculty member. Generally, students are expected to develop and submit a complete course curriculum plan for each 3-semester-hour project. Projects need to show evidence of familiarity with the relevant historiographies and primary sources. Students may apply the hours from HIST 6951 Masters Project: Advanced History Curriculum Development to either the major

field or the minor field, depending on the project subjects. Curriculum plans must meet minimum criteria established by the history department in the document Advanced History Curriculum Development Projects.

- HIST 6951 Masters Project: Advanced History Curriculum Development
(3 or 6 semester hours in their major field, or 3 semester hours in their major and possibly 3 semester hours in their minor, if a student elects to do a second project)

Secondary Teacher Licensure

Students interested in secondary teacher licensure should consult with the School of Education and Human Development (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-education-human-development/>). See the Urban Community Teacher Education Program for information.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/history/graduate/>).