Master of Arts in History

The Department of History offers courses of study leading to the Master of Arts (MA) degree with specializations in U.S. history, European history, and public history.

Admission Requirements
Admission to the MA program requires completion of an undergraduate major in history, or a minimum of 15 hours of history, a grade point average of 2.750 or better, including all undergraduate hours; and a 3.000 grade point average in history. Under unusual circumstances applicants with less than a 3.000 grade point average in history may be granted a probationary admission. International students are required to have a minimum score of 600 (paper based) or 100 (internet based) on the TOEFL examination, or a 7.5 overall band score on the IELTS exam.

Degree Requirements
Students may follow one of three plans for a graduate degree in history. Plan 1 is a thesis program in American or European History. Plan 2 is non-thesis program in American or European history. Plan 3 is a thesis program in public history.

Plan 1, Thesis Program
Students must complete a minimum of 31 graduate hours including 3 hours of HIST 725, Advanced Historical Methods, which must be taken during the first year of enrollment. Thesis students must take 19 semester hours numbered 700 level or above. Students following the American history emphasis must take 6 hours of American history seminars and 3 hours of European history seminar. Students following the European history emphasis must take 6 hours of European history seminars and 3 hours of American history seminar.

Courses	*Hrs.*
HIST 725, Advanced Historical Methods	3
HIST 727, Reading in History	3
HIST 730, 733, Seminars	9
HIST 500- and 600-level Courses	12
HIST 801, Thesis Research	2
HIST 802, Thesis	2
Total	31

A majority, but not all, of the remaining hours must be taken in American or European history, according to the emphasis, for a total of 31 credit hours. Students must also satisfy the foreign language requirements, pass a written exam in one comprehensive field, and pass an oral examination in defense of the thesis. The written exam must precede the oral examination.

Plan 2, Non-Thesis program
Students must complete a minimum of 33 hours including 3 hours of HIST 725, Advanced Historical Methods, which must be taken during the first year of enrollment. Non-thesis students must take 21 semester graduate hours numbered 700 level or above.

Courses	*Hrs.*
HIST 725, Advanced Historical Methods	3
HIST 727, Readings in History	6
HIST 730, 733, Seminars	12
HIST 500- and 600-level Courses	12
Total	33

The remaining hours must be taken to total 33 hours. Students must pass written examinations in two comprehensive fields.

Plan 3, Thesis Program in Public History
Students must complete a minimum of 35 hours, including 3 hours of HIST 701, Introduction to Public History, 3 hours of HIST 704, Interpreting History to the Public, and 3 hours of HIST 725, Advanced Historical Methods, which should be taken during the first year of enrollment.

Courses	*Hrs.*
HIST 701, Introduction to Public History	3
One course from the following:	3
HIST 702, Historical Preservation	
HIST 703, Museum Administration	
HIST 705, Introduction to Archives	
HIST 725, Advanced Historical Methods	3
HIST 730, 733 Seminars	6
HIST 500- and 600-level Courses	12-14
HIST 801, Thesis Research	2
HIST 802, Thesis	2
HIST 803*, Internship in Public Hist.	2-4
Total	35

*HIST 781, Cooperative Education in History, may be substituted for HIST 803 with the consent of the director of the public history program.

Comprehensive Fields. Students may select from the following areas for their comprehensive examinations.

U.S.History
The Ancient and Medieval Worlds
Modern Europe
Public History

Students must pass an oral exam in defense of the thesis. The written examination must precede the oral examination.

Financial Aid Opportunities

Each year the department awards a small number of graduate assistantships on a competitive basis. The graduate teaching assistants lecture, coordinate instructional activities, and grade assignments. The appointments are normally twenty hours per week. The graduate research assistantship position assists approximately twenty hours per week with research activity for professors. Assistantships provide a stipend and, for non-Kansas residents, a waiver of non-resident tuition rates. Students awarded a graduate teaching assistantship may also qualify for up to 100 percent waiver of their tuition.

Faculty

Travis Bruce, PhD, Western Michigan University, 2010. Medieval Europe, Islamic world.

George Dehner, PhD, Northeastern University, 2004. World, environmental.

John Dreifort, PhD, Kent State University, 1970. Modern France, nineteenth and twentieth century Europe.

Robin Henry, PhD, Indiana University, 2006. U.S. legal, Women and gender, American West

Helen Hundley, PhD, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana, 1984. Modern Russia, former Soviet Union, modern Europe.

Willard Klunder, PhD, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana, 1981. Antebellum, Civil War and Reconstruction, American diplomacy, American military.

Ariel Loftus, PhD, University of Michigan, 1992. Ancient history, women in antiquity, papyrology

Robert M. Owens, PhD, University of Illinois, 2003. Colonial America, early U.S.

Jay Price, PhD, Arizona State University, 1997. Public history, modern U.S.social history.

Craig Torbenson, PhD, University of Oklahoma, 1992. U.S.historical geography, historic preservation.

Robert E. Weems, Jr., PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1987. Willard Garvey Distinguished Professor of Business History. Business history, African-American history, African –American business history.

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