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 local and community history.

Admission Requirements
Admission to the MA program requires completion of an undergraduate major in history or a minimum of 18 hours of history, a grade point average of 2.75 or better, including all undergraduate hours; and a 3.00 grade point average in history. Under unusual circumstances applicants with less than a 3.00 grade point average in history may be granted admission on probation. Applicants must submit a one-page Statement of Purpose and a writing sample of no more than twenty (20) pages, directly to the graduate coordinator. 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. Application deadlines: March 15 for Fall admission; October 1 for Spring admission.

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 local and community 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.

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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.

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

Plan 3, Thesis Program in Local and Community History
Students must complete a minimum of 35 hours, including 3 hours of HIST 701, Introduction to Local and Community 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.

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\text{Courses} & \text{Hrs.} \\
\text{HIST 701, Introduction to Local and Community History} & 3 \\
\text{One course from the following:} & 3 \\
\text{HIST 702, Historical Preservation} & \\
\text{HIST 703, Museum Administration} & \\
\text{HIST 705, Introduction to Archives} & \\
\text{HIST 725, Advanced Historical Methods} & 3 \\
\text{HIST 730, 733 Seminars} & 6 \\
\text{HIST 500- and 600-level Courses} & 12-14 \\
\text{HIST 801, Thesis Research} & 2 \\
\text{HIST 802, Thesis} & 2 \\
\text{HIST 803*, Internship in Public Hist.} & 2-4 \\
\text{Total} & 35 \\
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*HIST 781, Cooperative Education in History, may be substituted for HIST 803 with the consent of the director of the local and community 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
- Local and Community 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**

- **George Dehner**, PhD, Northeastern University, 2004. World, environmental
- **John Dreifort**, PhD, Kent State University, 1970. Modern France, nineteenth and twentieth century Europe
- **Jeff Hayton**, PhD, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2013. Modern Europe, Germany, Cultural History
- **Helen Hundley**, PhD, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana, 1984. Modern Russia, former Soviet Union, modern Europe
- **Ariel Loftus**, PhD, University of Michigan, 1992. Ancient history, women in antiquity, papyrology
- **Craig Torbenson**, PhD, University of Oklahoma, 1992. U.S. historical geography, historic preservation

**For More Information**

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