

# History, M.A.

The History M.A. prepares students for success in an array of professional and academic careers. By choosing one of three specialized tracks, students can pursue their passion for the past while developing their critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills. The traditional history track offers students a broad survey of American and European history. In this track, students hone their research and writing skills through archival inquiry as they develop a unique piece of scholarship. The public history track is designed for students with a strong interest in applying historical research and knowledge to address a variety of contemporary needs, issues, and audiences. Through coursework and applied experiences, students in this track develop theoretical frameworks and foundational competencies and complete internships in one of the region's many cultural institutions. Students in the interdisciplinary maritime and coastal history track, draw on UWF's strength in maritime, coastal, and Atlantic history and heritage studies. In this interdisciplinary track, students complete coursework in history and anthropology while having the opportunity to complete academic and applied internships that increase opportunities for professional employment or Ph.D. studies.

Students in the master's program may also earn a certificate in Historic Preservation. The certificate program in historic preservation requires the completion of 19 semester hours (sh) at the master's level. It is geared towards individuals interested in acquiring a general focus in the field of historic preservation and current practitioners in the field who wish to add a historic preservation certification to their academic or professional credentials. Contact the department for information concerning the certificate.

## Admission Requirements

In addition to the University graduate admission requirements described in the [Admissions section](#) of the catalog, the applicant must meet the following minimum departmental admission requirements for regular admission:

- Submission of letter of intent
- Submission of a writing sample (undergraduate research paper preferred)
- Minimum of 15 semester hours of upper-division history courses
- Minimum of two letters of recommendation

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. Students accepted without the 15 semester hours of prerequisite work will be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate-level courses.

## 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 sh of history graduate coursework 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 3.0 GPA for all courses in the program. A student must complete graduate work within five years. A student may petition for an extension of the five-year rule if circumstances do not permit completion of the requirement.

## Foundational Proficiencies

Students must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in 15 semester hours of upper-division coursework. Students accepted without the 15 semester-hour prerequisite will be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate-level courses.

## Course Requirements

### History Track

HIS 5059	Graduate Methods I: The Historian's Craft	3
HIS 5063	Graduate Methods II: The Professional Historian	3
HIS 6938	Graduate Capstone	3
Three 5/6000 AMH courses		9
Three 5/6000 LAH/EUH/HIS courses		9
One approved 5/6000 elective		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

### Public History Track

HIS 5059	Graduate Methods I: The Historian's Craft	3
HIS 5063	Graduate Methods II: The Professional Historian	3
HIS 6055	Public History Seminar	3
HIS 6938	Graduate Capstone	3
Choose two of the following applied history courses		6
HIS 5066	Local History	
HIS 5077	Oral and Community History	
HIS 5087	Museology and Museography	
HIS 5165	Doing Digital History	
HIS 5515	History of Architecture	
HIS 6946	Public History Internship	
ANG 6196	Policies, Practices and Archaeology in Historic Preservation	
ARH 5836	Museum and Gallery Studies	
Three 5/6000 AMH/EUH/HIS/LAH courses (at least one must be a non-AMH seminar)		9
One approved 5/6000 elective		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

### Maritime and Coastal History Track

HIS 5059	Graduate Methods I: The Historian's Craft	3
HIS 5063	Graduate Methods II: The Professional Historian	3
HIS 6285	Maritime and Coastal History	3
HIS 6083	Historic and Heritage Preservation Seminar	3
HIS 6938	Graduate Capstone	3
Choose one of the following		3
ANG 5137	Nautical Archaeology Seminar	
ANG 5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar	
Three approved 5/6000 AMH/EUH/HIS/LAH seminars (at least one must be a non-AMH seminar)		9

One approved 5/6000 elective	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>30</b>

## Historic Preservation Certificate

Department: History

Method of Instruction: Classroom

Semester Hours: 19

The Historic Preservation Certificate Program allows students to acquire the advanced skills and knowledge necessary to function as professionals in a wide variety of fields pertaining to historic preservation and cultural resource management in the United States. They gain expertise through courses in their chosen majors but advance those skills through the certificate program.

### Foundational Proficiencies

The certificate is designed primarily for students who are currently enrolled in or have completed an MA degree in History or Historical Archaeology, or who meet the program admission standards for the MA Programs in History or Anthropology. An applicant not currently enrolled in one of the History M.A. programs or the Archaeology tracks of the Anthropology M.A. program must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in 15 semester hours of upper-level history courses. Students not enrolled in one of these programs and accepted without the 15 semester hours of prerequisite work may be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate-level courses.

Core		10
ANG 6196	Policies, Practices and Archaeology in Historic Preservation	
HIS 5059	Graduate Methods I: The Historian's Craft	
HIS 6055	Public History Seminar	
HIS/ANG 6XXX Historic Preservation Capstone		
History and Anthropology Electives	9 credits, at least 3 from each department	9
HIS 5063	Graduate Methods II: The Professional Historian	
HIS 5077	Oral and Community History	
HIS 6083	Historic and Heritage Preservation Seminar	
HIS 5515	History of Architecture	
ANG 5137	Nautical Archaeology Seminar	
ANG 5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar	
ANG 5173	Historical Research Methods in Archaeology	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>19</b>