

History, M.A.

The M.A. in History offers three specializations. The Program in Early American Studies is interdisciplinary, and offers either a thesis or research paper. The traditional history degree offers either a thesis or research paper. The Public History Specialization trains students in the various aspects of public (applied) history and requires completion of an internship.

Students in the master's program may also earn a certificate in Historic Preservation. The certificate program in historic preservation requires the completion of 18 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:

- Minimum score on one graduate admission test as follows:
 - Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Verbal and Quantitative scores of at least 151 and Analytical Writing score of at least 3.5 or equivalent GRE percentile performance under the old testing platform.
 - Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scaled score of at least 415
- Submission of letter of intent
- Submission of writing sample (undergraduate research paper preferred);
- Oral interview, if deemed appropriate
- Minimum of 15 semester hours of upper division history courses
- Minimum of two letters of recommendation

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 sh 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 3.0 GPA for all courses in the program. The thesis, research paper, or internship advisor will be appointed as the academic advisor. 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. A student must take at least 18 sh of graduate course work at the 6000 level.

Language requirement: All Master's students in History, Public History, and Early American Studies are required to demonstrate reading competency in at least one language other than English. This requirement must be fulfilled prior to the completion of course work. Contact the department for additional information or requirements.

Early American Studies

The program in Early American Studies will provide students with the skills necessary to research and interpret Early American history from an interdisciplinary perspective. The program will provide students the means to understand early American history with an emphasis on understanding how different disciplines approach early American history. This specialization within the Department of History and Philosophy builds off of the strengths in the Department of History as well as those in the Departments of Government, English, and Anthropology.

The Program in Early American Studies is offered through on-site instruction. Video or online instruction will be available as technology allows. Geared toward history students interested in furthering their education for a Ph.D., it also prepares students for a teaching career in K-12, community college, or working in an applied position such as with museums, libraries, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and publishing.

It is a 33-hour program with both a thesis and non-thesis option. The program is designed to fulfill the requirements for a master's track in Early American Studies within a two-year period.

A student must take 3 required core courses (Colonial America, American Revolution, and Transformations of America) as well as both Graduate Methods courses.

Foundational Proficiencies

An applicant must have a minimum 3.0 in 15 sh of upper-level history courses. Students accepted without the 15 sh of prerequisite work will be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate-level courses. Students planning on further graduate study at the doctoral level should acquire proficiency in two languages or research tools.

Plan A

Plan A requires 33 semester hours of graduate course work, including 6 hours of thesis credit HIS 6971 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 requires 33 hours of graduate course work, including 3 hours of research seminar HIS 6911 Master's Research. The student must successfully defend their research paper through an oral defense.

The student must have 6 hours of approved coursework outside of History toward degree requirements.

AMH 6116	Colonial America	3
HIS 5059	Methods I: The Historian's Craft	3
HIS 5063	Graduate Methods II: The Professional Historian	3
AMH 6137	Revolutionary America	3
AMH 6149	Transformations of America	3

Plan A choose 6 hours or Plan B choose 9 hours from the History electives listed below or from those approved by your advisor	6-9
Choose 6 hours from approved outside courses listed below:	6
ANG 5137 Nautical Archaeology Seminar	
ANG 5172 Historical Archaeology Seminar	
ANG 5173 Historical Research Methods in Archaeology	
ANG 6196 Policies, Practices and Archaeology in Historic Preservation	
AML 6455 Topics in American Literature	
POS 6045 Seminar in American Politics	
Plan A HIS 6971 (6 hours) or Plan B HIS6911 (3 hours)	3-6
Total Hours	33

History Specialization

The History Specialization is a traditional degree. Students may focus their course work in American or European history but in either track they will acquire knowledge and marketable skills that prepare them for a Ph.D. program in history; for a career teaching at the middle school, high school, or community-college level; or for careers 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. Students planning on further graduate study at the doctoral level should acquire proficiency in two languages or research tools.

Course Requirements

Plan A

Plan A requires 33 semester hours of graduate history course work, including the thesis. At least 12 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:

European History	9
United States History	9
HIS 6911 Master's Research	3
Take (2) History Electives	6
HIS 5059 Methods I: The Historian's Craft	3
HIS 5063 Graduate Methods II: The Professional Historian	3
Total Hours	33

In the research seminar, the student must write a substantial research paper under the direction of a History faculty member. The student must successfully defend their paper through an oral defense.

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 Specialization

The Public History specialization in the History Master's Program is designed for students with a strong interest in applying historical research and knowledge to address a variety of contemporary needs, issues, and audiences. The program prepares students for professional employment by providing theoretical foundations, practical skills, and real-world experiences in public and applied history through coursework and internship experiences.

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

Public History Core

HIS 5059	Methods I: The Historian's Craft	3
HIS 5063	Graduate Methods II: The Professional Historian	3
HIS 6055	Public History Seminar	3
HIS 6056	Public History Practicum	3
HIS 6089	Capstone Public History Internship	3
Total Hours		15

History Core

Approved 5000/6000 European History/Latin American History/ African History course	3
Approved 5000/6000 American History course	3
Total Hours	6

Public History Electives

Applied History Electives	9-12
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 6083 Historic and Heritage Preservation Seminar	
HIS 6946 Public History Internship	
Approved 5000/6000 Level Applied History Elective	
Non-History Electives	3-6
ANG 5137 Nautical Archaeology Seminar	
ANG 5172 Historical Archaeology Seminar	
ANG 5173 Historical Research Methods in Archaeology	
ANG 5181 Geographic Information Systems in Archaeology	
ANG 6196 Policies, Practices and Archaeology in Historic Preservation	
ARH 5836 Museum and Gallery Studies	

Approved 5000/6000 level outside elective

Total Hours 15

Historic Preservation Certificate

Department: HistoryMethod of Instruction: ClassroomSemester 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.

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ANG 6196 Policies, Practices and Archaeology in
Historic Preservation

HIS 5059 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 9HIS 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

Total Hours 19