

History, M.A.

Mission Statement

The Department of History seeks to provide students with a broad knowledge base in the discipline of history and highly refined research, writing, and critical thinking skills. The Department seeks to provide a foundation for better understanding the world in which we live, to produce high-quality scholarship that makes a significant contribution to the discipline, and to serve community needs by providing a source for historical information and expertise crucial to preserving the region's heritage, especially Northwest Florida.

Student Learning Outcomes

History graduates will be able to do the following:

Content

- Identify and evaluate core concepts, principles, processes and methodologies of the discipline of history and/or public history.

Critical Thinking

- Identify and critically evaluate primary and secondary sources.
- Synthesize primary and secondary sources to craft sound historical interpretations that address questions of contemporary and/or scholarly relevance.

Communication

- Craft and discuss professional historical interpretations for multiple audiences.

Integrity/Values

- Articulate and demonstrate adherence to professional ethical practices as defined by the American Historical Association's Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct and/or the National Council on Public History's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

We assess the SLOs through the evaluation of a comprehensive professional portfolio and public presentation that are completed as the final requirement of students' MA Capstone course. This portfolio includes artifacts of the student's work in coursework and applied settings. The portfolio is evaluated by a committee of two full-time departmental faculty members. Portfolios receive one of three evaluations: exceeds, meets, or does not meet expectations for entry-level employment in a History-related field.

Additionally, graduate students will be asked to complete an Exit Survey in which they assess their own intellectual growth and professional development over the course of their graduate experience.

Job Prospects for History MA Graduates

Students with a M.A. in History have strong skills in critical thinking, analysis, research, and the communication of complex ideas. They are well prepared for careers in: archives, museums and other cultural institutions, cultural resource management, historic preservation, non-profit administration, policy and business analysis, writing and editing, politics and government administration, government civil service and contracting, consulting, law and legal research, media careers, and careers in K-16 education.

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