The full-time graduate student should expect to spend a minimum of three semesters to earn this degree. Applicants to the graduate program must have a minimum of 15 semester hours of upper-level history courses. Students accepted into the program without the 15 semester hours will be required to correct the deficiency before taking graduate level courses. With the approval of the chairperson and departmental graduate committee, a maximum of 6 semester hours of history graduate 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.

In addition to general University requirements, students seeking the M.A. in History must meet the requirements listed below.

Students must earn at least a “B-” in each graduate course to receive credit toward their graduate program.

Students must apply for advancement to candidacy upon completion of 15 semester hours. The thesis or research paper advisor will then be appointed as the academic advisor.

Contact the department for additional information about the certificate.

Course descriptions are listed alphabetically by prefix in the back of this Catalog.

**HISTORY**

Students write a thesis (6 semester hours) or take HIS 6911 and write a substantial research paper under the direction of a history faculty member. Students who write a thesis must defend it in an oral examination with the thesis committee. The graduate committee may require a student to present a foreign language if essential to the major research project.

Students may count one 3 semester hour course outside history toward degree requirements. Before taking the class, they must obtain approval from their advisor and petition the history faculty, who will make the final decision.

Students must complete graduate work within five years. Students may petition for extension of the five-year rule if circumstances do not permit completion of the requirement.

At least 18 semester hours must be at the 6000 level.

The Department of History offers the following two paths to the traditional M.A. degree.

**Plan A**

As part of the requirement, the student will write a thesis and pass an oral examination covering both the thesis and its general historical context. The program requires 33 semester hours of graduate history course work including thesis.

Students will select 15 semester hours in the major field (United States or European) and 6 semester hours in thesis.

**Plan B**

This path 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: 9 semester hours in European history, 9 semester hours in United States history, 12 semester hours of electives, and 3 semester hours of research seminar (HIS 6911). A thesis is not required.

**PUBLIC HISTORY**

The Public History Specialization trains students in the various aspects of public, or applied, history. Public history is basically the study of history outside the academic setting. Students will learn about the numerous ways in which public historians think and operate as professionals. Beginning with an introductory seminar, students will then develop both traditional and public history skills and techniques. Students will work in two or more areas of public history specialization including community history, museology and museum studies, policy history, environmental history, and/or media history. Course work is offered through both the history department and through other University departments and programs. To facilitate the learning of various skills and research techniques, students will participate in a six-credit internship with an appropriate agency or organization. As an additional non-thesis requirement, students will complete and defend an extensive report on their internship experience. The combination of traditional and applied skills with the practical application of public history in the field will provide students with the resources to secure employment following graduation.

**Public History Core (15 sh)**

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**Applied History/Non-History Electives (15 sh)**

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Choose 3 - 6 sh from outside electives listed below:

**ANG 5137** Nautical Archaeology Seminar ........................................ 3
**ANG 5172** Historical Archaeology Seminar .................................... 3
**ARH 5836** Museum/Gallery Studies Practicum .................................. 3
**COM 5121** Organizational Communication ..................................... 3
**FIL 5407C** History of Motion Pictures ........................................ 3
**MAN 5204** Modern Organization Theory ...................................... 3
**MMC 5267** Communication Technologies .................................... 3
**MMC 6507** Film-Television Theory & Criticism ................................ 3
**PAD 6227** Public Budgeting .................................................. 3

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

The Historic Preservation Studies Specialization is an interdisciplinary specialization in the History Master of Arts program with course work from history, art, and archaeology. The program provides interdisciplinary graduate education in historic and cultural preservation, public history and archaeology, historical art and architecture, cultural resources management, and museum administration. Students in the program will gain the necessary knowledge and expertise to participate in and lead the management of cultural and historical resources.

Students admitted in this program must have a completed baccalaureate degree with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA or a 1000 composite score on the GRE. Appropriate academic background, based upon a student’s interest and needs, will be assessed upon entry into other program and may require some limited prerequisite undergraduate coursework.

While the degree is in history, students may specialize in one of three disciplines: history, archaeology, or art. Regardless of major disciplinary emphasis, however, all students will be required to take certain required courses in each of these disciplines to ensure broad-based skills in all major areas of historical and heritage resource management. They must also complete a 6 semester hour thesis or internship.

**Courses (30 sh)**

**HISTORY (12 sh)**

**HIS 6055** Public History Methodology ..................................... 3
**HIS 6083** Historic and Heritage Preservation Seminar ....................... 3

Choose two history electives:

**AMH 5578** African-American Community History ................................ 3
**AMH 5636** Environmental History ........................................... 3
**AMH 6429** Seminar: Local History ........................................... 3
**HIS 5059** Graduate Methods ................................................... 3
**HIS 5067** Policy History .......................................................... 3
**HIS 5087** Advanced Museology .................................................. 3
**HIS 5088** Museum Administration .............................................. 3
**HIS 6077** Oral and Community History ....................................... 3
**HIS 6406** Seminar: Urban History ............................................... 3

**ARCHAEOLOGY (9 sh)**

**ANG 6196** Policies, Practices and Archaeology in Historic Preservation ................................. 3
**ANG 6704** Historic Preservation Law Seminar ................................ 3

Choose one archaeology elective:

**ANG 5137** Nautical Archaeology Seminar .................................... 3
**ANG 5157** Pre-Columbian Archaeology Seminar ............................. 3
**ANG 5172** Historical Archaeology Seminar .................................. 3
**ANG 6115** Advanced Method & Theory in Archaeology Seminar ............. 3
**ANG 6824** Advanced Archaeological Field Methods ............................ 3

**ART (9 sh)**

**ARH 5045** Outline of American Architecture .................................. 3
**ARH 5046** Outline of European Architecture .................................. 3

Choose one art elective:

**ARH 5836** Museum/Gallery Studies Practicum ................................ 3
5000/6000 level advisor approved are (ART) or art history (ARH) elective .................................................... 3

**Internship/Thesis (6 sh)**

Choose one in area of emphasis:

**HIS 6056** Graduate History Internship ........................................... 6
**HIS 6971** Thesis ................................................................. 6

Course offered 1-6 sh per semester