

# HISTORY

Degree: Master of Arts  
 Certificate: Historic Preservation Studies  
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 College: Arts and Sciences

The History Department offers three specializations leading to the Master of Arts in History. The first is the traditional history degree with the option of completing either a thesis or research paper. The Public History Specialization trains students in the various aspects of public, or applied, history and requires completion of an internship. The Military History option is geared towards military officers and students desiring to teach.

Students in the master's program may also earn a certificate in Historic Preservation. The certificate program in historic preservation requires the completion of eighteen (18) credit hours of courses at the master's level. It is geared to individuals interested in acquiring a general focus in the field of historic preservation and to 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

General university requirements for admission to graduate programs are described in the Graduate Admissions section. Graduate departments are currently developing departmental admission guidelines to govern admission to their specific disciplines. Refer to individual departments for more details regarding acceptable graduate admissions test, minimum score requirements, etc. In addition to general university requirements, applicants must submit the following items and proof of credentials directly to the department:

- A formal letter of interest, background, and professional goals
- Completion of the Foundational Proficiencies

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 semester hours 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 3.00 CGPA for all courses in the program.

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

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

A student must take at least 18 semester hours of graduate course work at the 6000 level.

## COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

All master's students in History and Public History must pass a departmental written comprehensive examination, which will be offered during the fall and spring semesters. Contact the department for additional information and requirements.

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The M.A. Degree in History is a traditional degree that equips students to pursue further graduate study or to begin an enriching career. Students may focus their course work in American or European history but acquire a broad knowledge and marketable skills that prepare them for a Ph.D. program in history or for a career teaching at the middle school, high school or community-college level or working 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.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### *Plan A*

Plan A requires 33 semester hours of graduate history course work, including the thesis. At least 15 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: 9 semester hours in European history, 9 semester hours in United States history, 12 semester hours of electives in history, and 3 semester hours of research seminar (HIS 6911). In the research seminar, the student must write a substantial research paper under the direction of a History faculty member.

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.

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## MILITARY HISTORY

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The Military Track is offered through on-site instruction and delivery via video conferencing technology at the Pensacola and Emerald Coast campuses. Geared toward military officers desiring a master's degree for promotion, it also prepares students to pursue further graduate study or for a career teaching at the middle school, high school or community-college level or working in governmental and non-governmental agencies, institutional planning, libraries, museums, archives, non-profits, politics or publishing.

## FOUNDATIONAL PROFICIENCIES

An applicant is expected to have a minimum 3.0 in 15 semester hours of upper-level history courses. Students accepted without the 15 semester hours of prerequisite work may be required by the Graduate Committee to correct the deficiency before taking graduate level courses. The Graduate Committee may identify other relevant courses or work experience that provide the required foundational proficiencies.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Plan A

Plan A requires 33 semester hours of graduate history course work, including 6 hours of thesis credit (HIS 6971). 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 semester hours of graduate history course work, including 3 hours of research seminar (HIS 6911). In the research seminar, the student must write a substantial research paper under the direction of a History faculty member.

The student may count 6-semester hours of approved coursework outside of history toward degree requirements with the prior approval of his/her academic advisor and the History faculty, who will make the final decision.

### **Military History Track (33 hours):**

*Choose 9-12 hours from the AMH courses listed below:*

AMH 6169	Seminar: Jacksonian America.....	3
AMH 6292	Seminar: 20th Century America.....	3
AMH 6439	Seminar: The Southern Frontier.....	3
AMH 6447	Spanish Borderlands.....	3

*Choose 15-18 hours from EUH courses listed below:*

EUH 5246	The First World War.....	3
EUH 5287	The Second World War.....	3
EUH 5467	Nazi Germany.....	3
EUH 5517	Tudor and Stuart England.....	3
EUH 5539	England and America from the Colonial Period to the Present.....	3
EUH 6247	Seminar: Europe between The World Wars (1918-1939).....	3
EUH 6338	Seminar: East-Central Europe and the Balkans since 1815.....	3

*Choose up to 6 hours of approved outside courses from those listed below:*

INR 5138	Homeland Security.....	3
INR 5330	National Security Policy.....	3
INR 5365	Intelligence.....	3

Plan A students must complete 6 hours of HIS6971 - Thesis credit

Plan B students must complete 3 hours of HIS6911 - Master's Research credit

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## PUBLIC HISTORY

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The Public History specialization within the UWF History Department trains students in the various aspects of public, or applied, history (i.e., the study of history outside the academic setting). Students learn about the numerous ways in which public historians think and operate as professionals.

Beginning with an introductory seminar, students develop both traditional and public history skills and techniques. Students 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. Coursework is offered through both the History Department and other university departments and programs.

To facilitate the learning of various skills and research techniques, students participate in a 6 sh internship with an appropriate agency or organization. As the thesis equivalent, students 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 provide students with the resources to secure employment following graduation.

## 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 (15 sh)**

HIS 5059	Graduate Methods.....	3
	(an elective may be substituted if the student has completed HIS 3002)	
HIS 6055	Public History Methodology.....	3
	Approved 5/6000 level European History elective.....	3
	Approved 5/6000 level American History elective.....	3
	Approved 5/6000 level Latin American/African/Asian/Ethnic elective.....	3

**Internship (6 sh)**

HIS	6056	Graduate History Practicum.....	6
		Course offered 1-6 sh per semester	

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

Choose 9-12 sh from history electives listed below:

AMH	5578	African-American Community History .....	3
AMH	5636	Environmental History.....	3
AMH	6429	Seminar: Local History.....	3
EUH	6615	Seminar: Gender & Community in the Middle Ages.....	3
HIS	5077	Oral & Community History .....	3
HIS	5087	Advanced Museology .....	3
HIS	6083	Historic & Heritage Preservation Seminar ....	3
HIS	6406	Seminar: Urban History .....	3
Approved 5/6000		Level Applied History Elective.....	3

Choose 3 - 6 sh from outside electives listed below:

ANG	5137	Nautical Archaeology Seminar.....	3
ANG	5172	Historical Archaeology Seminar .....	3
ANG	6196	Policies, Practices & Archaeology in Historic Preservation.....	3
ANG	6704	Historic Preservation Law Seminar .....	3
ARH	5045	Outline of American Architecture .....	3
ARH	5046	Outline of European Architecture .....	3
ARH	5836	Museum/Gallery Studies.....	3
COM	5121	Organizational Communication .....	3
EVR	5413	Environmental Aspects of Urban Growth ....	3
EVR	6930	Special Topics in Environmental Sciences... 3	
FIL	5038C	History of Motion Pictures I.....	3
MAN	5204	Modern Organization Theory .....	3
MMC	5267	Communication Technologies.....	3
PAD	5107	Modern Public Organization Theory.....	3
PAD	6227	Public Budgeting.....	3
PAD	6305	Public Policy Analysis.....	3
PAD	6425	Public Service Conflict Management & Resolution .....	3
PAD	6443	The Media and Public Administration.....	3
Approved 5/6000		Level Outside Elective .....	3