History, Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy

Degree Requirements

- **Credit Hours:** Students are required to complete a minimum number of 34 credit hours in History at the 400 level and above.

- **Grade Point Average:** Students must earn a minimum GPA of 2.75 overall, and of 3.00 in coursework applied to their graduate program in History to remain in good standing.

- **Program of Study:** A candidate must complete a program of study in four fields (a major field and three minor fields) developed in consultation with faculty field examiners.
  - Students may be required to take additional coursework depending upon their preparation in exam fields. Decisions about required coursework will be made in consultation with field examiners and the director of graduate studies.
  - At least three fields must be in History while the fourth may be in a related field with the approval of the director of graduate studies.
  - At least one of the four fields must be in a geographic area outside the student’s main area of concentration for dissertation research.

- **Comprehensive Examination:** For each of the four fields of study, students take a comprehensive examination (written and oral) based on knowledge derived from coursework and readings from a book-list prepared in consultation with the faculty field adviser.

- **Dissertation:** Dissertation work should normally be in the history of the United States, Europe, or modern Africa.

- **Additional Requirements:** Depending on their area of study or dissertation projects, graduates may be required to master one or more languages or to demonstrate proficiency in particular research methods (quantitative analysis, paleography, GIS, etc.).

- **Progress toward completion:** Students will be evaluated on a yearly basis. If adequate progress is not made, students may be placed on probation or suspended from the program. Students should complete a plan of study by the end of their second semester. Students typically complete comprehensive exams at the end of their fourth semester or beginning of their fifth semester, defend their dissertation prospectus during their fifth or sixth semester, and defend and submit their dissertation within five years of completing their comprehensive exams.

Curriculum Requirements

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Select at least one Reading/Seminar sequence

- HIST 701 & HIST 702: Readings in Medieval History and Seminar in Medieval History
- HIST 705 & HIST 706: Readings in Early Modern History and Seminar in Early Modern History
- HIST 717 & HIST 718: Readings in Modern European History and Seminar in Modern European History
- HIST 725 & HIST 726: Readings in African History and Seminar in African History
- HIST 757 & HIST 758: Readings in United States History: 1787-1850 and Seminar in United States History: 1787-1850
- HIST 759 & HIST 760: Readings in United States History: 1840-1898 and Seminar in United States History: 1850-1898
- HIST 763 & HIST 764: Readings in United States History: 1898-Present and Seminar in United States History: 1898-Present
- HIST 765 & HIST 766: Readings in United States Diplomatic History and Seminar in United States Diplomatic History
- HIST 773 & HIST 774: Readings in Appalachian Regional History and Seminar in Appalachian Regional History

Select at least one additional related course:

- HIST at the 400, 500, 600, or 700 level
### Minor Field 1:
Select an additional Reading/Seminar pair

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### Minor Fields 2 & 3:
Select at least 4 courses:

- Any HIST at the 400 level
- Any HIST course at the 500 level
- Any HIST course at the 600 level
- Any HIST course at the 700 level

### Research Requirement

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Total Hours: 34

* Courses selected for this section should not be used for another field.

** Excluding HIST 490, HIST 697, HIST 700, HIST 789, HIST 790, and HIST 797

### Major Learning Outcomes

**HISTORY**

Students earning a Ph.D. in History will be able to:

- Examine and evaluate primary and secondary sources, historiographical methods, and debates among historians.
- Communicate their understanding of the content and context of the past by teaching about history to a variety of audiences.
- Assess the contours of historiographical debates over time and suggest future developments in the historiographical literature.
- Compose a research question and agenda that identifies the state of their field, potential weaknesses of our current historiographical understanding, or the limits of current debates.
- Use their understanding of the historical and historiographical literature to conduct historical research and produce and defend an original doctoral dissertation that makes a contribution to their field of study.