



Twin Cities Campus

History Ph.D.

History Department

College of Liberal Arts

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Doctorate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Length of program in credits: 66
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Areas of concentration include Africa; ancient history; East and South Asia; late antiquity and the middle ages; medieval, early modern, and modern Europe; the early modern world; Middle East; Latin America; and the United States and its colonial background. Scholarly resources include Center for Austrian Studies, Center for German and European Studies, Center for Medieval Studies, Immigration History Research Center, Minnesota Population Center, Modern Greek Studies, Center for Early Modern History, Institute for Advanced Study, and Consortium for the Study of the Premodern World.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

About half of incoming students have master's degrees.

Special Application Requirements:

The average GPA of incoming students is approximately A-/B+, with more weight placed on history classes, where students are expected to have earned mostly A or A- grades.

Applicants must submit their test score(s) from the following:

- GRE
 - General Test - Verbal Reasoning: 600

International applicants must submit score(s) from one of the following tests:

- TOEFL
 - Internet Based - Total Score: 79
 - Internet Based - Writing Score: 21
 - Internet Based - Reading Score: 19
 - Paper Based - Total Score: 550
- IELTS
 - Total Score: 6.5
- MELAB
 - Final score: 80

The preferred English language test is Test of English as Foreign Language

Key to [test abbreviations](#) (GRE, TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB).

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.



Program Requirements

30 credits are required in the major.

12 credits are required outside the major.

24 thesis credits are required.

This program may be completed with a minor.

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

Language Requirement: Varies by area of concentration (see below).

A minimum GPA of 3.50 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Reading proficiency in one language other than English is required. Some areas of concentration may require more than one. The language requirement is required before admission to the preliminary oral examination. In some cases, competence in quantitative methods may replace one of the foreign languages.

Courses used to satisfy MA requirements can be counted in these totals.

History Courses

First Year Requirement

[HIST 8015](#) - Scope and Methods of Historical Studies (3.0 cr)

Major Electives

Take 21 or more credit(s) from the following:

- HIST 5xxx
- HIST 8xxx

Comparative Area

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

Courses are chosen in consultation with the student's advisor.

- HIST 5xxx
- HIST 8xxx

Outside Coursework

Take 12 course credits outside the major.

Thesis Credits

Take 24 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [HIST 8888](#) - Thesis Credit: Doctoral (1.0 - 24.0 cr)