



Twin Cities Campus

History M.A.

History Department

College of Liberal Arts

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

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- Program Type: Master's
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Length of program in credits: 30 to 31
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.
- Degree: Master of Arts

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.

Note: The Department of History does not currently admit students to the master's degree; however, PhD students often earn their MA on the way to the doctoral degree. The MA is normally completed by the end of the second year of the PhD program.

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

Other requirements to be completed before admission:

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Special Application Requirements:

GRE scores above the 90% percentile in verbal (usually over 600) are preferred.

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](#)(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

Plan A: Plan A requires 15 major credits, 6 credits outside the major, and 10 thesis credits. The final exam is oral.

Plan B: Plan B requires 24 major credits and 6 credits outside the major. The final exam is oral. A capstone project is required.

Capstone Project: The Plan B project requires students to substitute three expanded seminar papers for the thesis.

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 3.00 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Students are only admitted to the PhD program. They may complete an MA while studying for the PhD.

Reading proficiency in one language other than English is required. Some areas of concentration require more than one. In some cases, competence in quantitative methods may replace one of the foreign languages.

Plan Options

Plan A

Major History Credits

Take 15 or more credit(s) from the following:

Courses in the department of history, or those offered by another department related to historical or thematic area of study. Courses are chosen in consultation with the student's advisor.

Outside Coursework

Take 6 additional credits of coursework outside the major.

Thesis Credits

Take 10 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [HIST 8777](#) - Thesis Credits: Master's (1.0 - 18.0 cr)

-OR-

Plan B

Major History Credits

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

Courses in the department of history, or those offered by another department related to historical or thematic area of study. Courses are chosen in consultation with the student's advisor.

Outside Coursework

Take 6 additional credits of coursework outside the major.