

HISTORY, M.A.

With some 130 graduate students and nearly 60 faculty members, the Department of History is home to one of the oldest, most distinguished, and most comprehensive graduate programs in the US, renowned for its long and valued tradition of collegiality and openness. We offer separate graduate degrees in History and in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology. All told, our internationally recognized faculty (<https://history.wisc.edu/people-main/faculty-listed-alphabetically/>) has been mentoring distinguished historians since 1893 (<https://history.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/doctorates-awarded/>).

Our degree program in History is designed to meet the needs of the Ph.D. candidate, and we offer funding (<https://history.wisc.edu/graduate/prospective-students/funding/>) only to students who intend to pursue the Ph.D. However, we also welcome applications from students who wish to earn only the M.A. if they have external funding or are self-funded.

Graduate training in the History degree program is organized by primary fields of study. Although most of our students are trained in a single field of study, students whose research interests span more than one field have the option to craft an individual plan of study (<https://history.wisc.edu/graduate/individual-plan-of-study/>).

We offer the following primary fields of study (<https://history.wisc.edu/fields-programs/>) in the History degree program:

- African History
- East Asian History
- European History—Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, and Modern
- Latin American and Caribbean History
- Middle East and North African History
- South Asian History
- Southeast Asian History
- US/North American History

Within their primary field of study, students also have the opportunity to organize their studies thematically. Our faculty's special thematic strengths (<https://history.wiscweb.wisc.edu/people-main/faculty-by-area-of-specialty/>) are in:

- Borderlands and diasporas
- Environmental history
- Gender and Women's History, Program in (<https://history.wisc.edu/fields-programs-and-working-groups/program-in-gender-and-womens-history/>)
- History of Science, Medicine, and Technology (<https://history.wisc.edu/fields-programs-and-working-groups/history-of-science-medicine-and-technology/faculty-associates-affiliates/>)
- Intellectual and cultural history
- Jewish History, Program in (<https://history.wisc.edu/fields-programs-and-working-groups/program-in-jewish-history/>)
- Labor and political economy
- Race, ethnicity, and indigeneity
- Religion and ritual
- War in Society and Culture Program (<https://history.wisc.edu/fields-programs-and-working-groups/war-in-society-and-culture-program/>)

Our faculty train resourceful researchers, committed teachers, and engaged public intellectuals. We offer a rigorous course of study that combines independent and collaborative work and that emphasizes scholarly and intellectual connectedness. The department strongly supports the Wisconsin Idea (<https://www.wisc.edu/wisconsin-idea/>), the principle that education should influence and improve people's lives beyond the university classroom. For more than 100 years, this idea has guided the university's work. Students pursue a variety of careers, both inside and outside the academy.

OTHER DEGREE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

BRIDGE PROGRAM WITH UW-MADISON'S DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

This academic partnership is designed to allow students to complete the M.A. in the Department of African American Studies and the Ph.D. in History. It enables the African American Studies student who specializes in the History area to meet the basic requirements of the History M.A. while completing a degree in African American Studies. Students may apply simultaneously to the two departments or may apply to the Department of History after they begin their program in the Department of African American Studies, usually in the fall of the first or second M.A. year.

For details, see The Bridge Program (<https://history.wiscweb.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/bridge-program/>) or contact the graduate program coordinator.