

HISTORY, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

Minimum 51 credits

Credit

Requirement

Minimum 32 credits

Residence

Credit

Requirement

Minimum 26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244>).

Overall 3.25 GPA required.

Graduate

GPA

Requirement

Other Grade n/a

Requirements

Assessments and Examinations In order to receive the History Ph.D., all students must pass the preliminary exam and the Ph.D. dissertation defense.

Preliminary Examination: Each field of study has its own exact requirements for prelims, but all include written exams and an oral defense of the student's research proposal and knowledge of the field.

Ph.D. Dissertation Defense: Two-hour oral exam focusing on the student's written dissertation.

Language Requirements The history department requires all students to demonstrate, at a minimum, reading knowledge of at least one language other than English. The fields of study may set additional requirements, and each field determines which languages may be used to satisfy its requirement

Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a minor or Graduate/Professional certificate (minimum of 9 credits).

REQUIRED COURSES

Students must first complete the requirements for the History M.A. (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/history/history-ma/#requirements>)

In addition to completing any M.A. course requirements for their field of study, Ph.D. students must complete their doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate (9 credits) and any additional language requirements specific to their field of study prior to taking the preliminary examination. After passing the preliminary examination, students register for HISTORY 990 Research and Thesis credits every semester until they deposit their dissertation. Students are also recommended to take HISTORY 999 Independent Work and HISTORY 710 Professional Development Seminar.

Recommendations for doctoral minor study:

African History: The minor field requirement is normally met by interdisciplinary training in African Studies, comprising three courses (9 credits) in two fields other than History. Students already grounded in African studies may, in close consultation with their major professor, choose an alternative minor.

Gender & Women's History: Students must follow the minor requirements of their primary field of study and are encouraged to include courses emphasizing women, gender, or sexuality, bearing in mind that no course in the students' major area of study may be used to meet the minor requirement.

Latin American and Caribbean History: The minor field requirement consists of at least nine credits of interdisciplinary training in Latin American and Iberian Studies divided between two fields other than History.