

HISTORY

http://www.as.miami.edu/history

Dept. Code: HIS

Degree Programs

Requirements for the M.A. Degree in History

Admissions

We are looking for applicants with a record of outstanding achievement and evidence of potential success in graduate studies, attributes which can be measured in various ways such as grades, recommendations, written work, and test scores. Students with a master's degree from an accredited institution may apply for admission to the doctoral program. Students with a bachelor's degree only and with very strong credentials may be admitted into the doctoral program. Applicants must meet the admissions requirements set by both the graduate school, which are listed in its materials, and the department of history.

Because one of the strengths of our program is a close working relationship between faculty members and students, we cannot always accept qualified applicants when no one in the department can provide the guidance they need in their area of interest. Applicants should explore the listing of faculty on our website and contact the DGS or relevant faculty members if they have any questions.

The complete application contains:

1. A completed application form.
2. A completed financial aid application, if seeking aid.
3. Three letters of recommendation, preferably from applicant's former professors.
4. Recent Graduate Record Examination scores on the General Test.
5. TOEFL scores (for international students).
7. A detailed statement from the student indicating:
   a. the student's background and education;
   b. the student's interests (field, topic, etc.);
   c. why the student wants to pursue a graduate degree in history at the University of Miami;
   d. what the student plans to do with the degree upon completion.
   This statement constitutes a very important part of the application review process and should indicate the student's understanding of the professional nature of the training that the student is about to begin.
8. A representative writing sample.

Deadlines

January 5: Applications for admission and aid for Fall semester.

Committee

Upon admission to the master's program in history, the student is assigned a provisional major advisor. An advisory committee of three, including the major advisor and a faculty member representing the student's secondary field, must be formed no later than the student's second semester in the program. There are then two options for completing the masters. One requires 27 credit hours of coursework and an exam. The other requires 21 credit hours of coursework, a master's thesis (6 thesis credit hours), and an exam. In the case of both options, one member of the committee may be from a cognate discipline, but this is not required. It is the responsibility of the student and the advisor to form the committee and to notify the DGS of its composition. The major advisor chairs the advisory committee and oversees the student's course of study and progress in the program. The advisory committee also administers the oral comprehensive exam that is given in the case of either option. In the case of the second (thesis) option, the advisory committee and the thesis committee are usually, but not necessarily, composed of the same faculty members.

Requirements

• 27 credit hours at the 600 level or above, of which at least 18 must be at the 700 level or above.
• Passage of an oral exam in two fields.
• Completion of HIS 721 (Historiography). This course is normally given in the fall semester. All students are required to take the Historiography course in their first year.
• Students may, if they wish, write an M.A. thesis. Students who elect this option should consult with their advisor. Any student writing a thesis should register for 6 credit hours of HIS 810, which count toward the 27 required credit hours.
• Language Requirements: Students must demonstrate a reading knowledge in at least one foreign language. Reading knowledge in additional languages may be required by the major advisor. See under Ph.D. requirements for more information on fulfilling language requirements.
• The student must apply for graduation in his or her penultimate semester (i.e. fall semester for spring semester).
• The comprehensive examination for the M.A. degree in history is an oral examination in two fields that will normally not exceed two hours. Though the exam is in two fields, all members of the advisory committee will participate. Students selecting the thesis examination should expect questioning on the thesis as well as their fields during the examination. For such students the comprehensive will also act as a thesis defense.

Fields

See Requirements for the Ph.D.

Doctoral

Doctoral Program in History

• Ph.D. in History (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/history/history-phd)

Courses

HIS 515. Studies in Chinese History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Chinese history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 534. Studies in Ancient History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Ancient history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
HIS 592. Transfer Credits. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

HIS 593. Transfer Credits. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

HIS 594. Transfer Credits. 1-5 Credit Hours.
Courses taken at other institutions with no direct equivalents.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.

HIS 602. Studies in African History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in African history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 611. Studies in Asian History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Asian history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 632. Studies in European History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in European history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 633. Seminar in African History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in African history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 634. Seminar in Ancient History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Ancient History.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 636. Studies in Medieval History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Medieval history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 638. Studies in Early Modern European History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in European history before the French Revolution. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.

HIS 641. Field Preparation: Colonial Latin America. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to central historical issues and historiographical debates in the field of Colonial Latin America.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 646. Studies in Modern European History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in European history after the French Revolution. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 652. Studies in Latin American History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Latin-American history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 654. Studies in Modern Latin American History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Latin-American history before and after Independence. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 655. Studies in Colonial Latin American History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in the colonial period of Latin-American history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 662. Studies in United States History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in United States history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 664. Studies in American Intellectual and Cultural History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in American intellectual and cultural history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
HIS 665. Studies in American Political and Diplomatic History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in American political and diplomatic history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 669. Studies in African-American History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in African-American history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 670. Studies in Public History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in public history. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 697. Studies in Visual History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in the use of photographs and other visual evidence for historical purposes. Subtitles describing the topics to be offered will be shown in parentheses in the printed class schedule, following the title.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 701. Seminar in Comparative History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Comparative History.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 702. Seminar in Comparative History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Comparative History.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 703. Directed Readings in African History. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 704. Directed Readings in Asian History. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 705. Directed Readings in European History. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 706. Directed Readings In Latin-American History. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 707. Directed Readings in American History. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 708. Directed Readings in Comparative History. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 709. Field Preparation: Colonial and Revolutionary America. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to central historical issues and historiographical debates in the field of Colonial and Revolutionary America.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 712. Field Preparation: Modern America. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to central historical issues and historiographical debates in the field of Modern America.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 714. Field Preparation: Early Modern Europe. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to central historical issues and historiographical debates in the field of Early Modern Europe.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 718. Field Preparation: Modern Latin America. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to central historical issues and historiographical debates in the field of Modern Latin America.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 721. Historiography. 3 Credit Hours.
The philosophy, theory, and practice of history.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 760. Seminar in Latin-American History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in Latin-American History.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

HIS 761. Seminar in United States History. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected topics in United States History.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
HIS 762. History as a Profession. 3 Credit Hours.
Practical experience for graduate students in designing courses;
preparing lectures, conference papers and scholarly publications; and in
applying for jobs and research grants
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

HIS 810. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Credit Hours.
The student working on his/her master's thesis enrolls for credit, in most
departments not to exceed six, as determined by his/her advisor. Credit is
not awarded until the thesis has been accepted.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

HIS 820. Research in Residence. 1 Credit Hour.
Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master’s
degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total
in HIS 710 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as
full time residence.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

HIS 825. Continuous Registration--Master's Study. 1 Credit Hour.
To establish residence for non-thesis master’s students who are
preparing for major examinations. Credit not granted. Regarded as full
time residence.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

HIS 830. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Required of all candidates for the Ph.D. The student will enroll for credit
as determined by his/her advisor, but for not less than a total of 12 hours.
Up to 12 hours may be taken in a regular semester, but not more than six
in a summer session.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

HIS 840. Post-Candidacy Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Required of all candidates for the Ph.D. who have advanced to candidacy.
The student will enroll for credit as determined by his/her advisor, but
not for less than a total of 12. Not more than 12 hours of HIS 740 may be
taken in a regular semester, nor more than six in a summer session.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

HIS 850. Research in Residence. 1 Credit Hour.
Used to establish research in residence for the Ph.D. and D.A., after
the student has been enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in
appropriate doctoral research. Credit not granted. May be regarded as
full-time residence as determined by the Dean of the Graduate School.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.