History - Master of Arts

Thesis Program
Thirty-six credits (27 of which must be at the 500 level) are required for the thesis program:

Select at least 3 credits from Public History courses above the 500 level

Select four History Graduate Seminars including the following:
- Craft of History seminar

Select two from the following:
- HIST 590 Reading Seminar: Borders, Boundaries and Frontiers
- HIST 591 Reading Seminar: Modernity and its Discontents
- HIST 592 Reading Seminar: Nature and Society
- HIST 593 Reading Seminar: History, Myth and Memory

HIST 596 Research Seminar

Select a maximum of 6 credits in related fields outside the Department of History

Select 9 credits at the 500-level or above in the Department of History

HIST 599 Master's Thesis

Total Credits 36

1 With permission of the graduate advisor, a maximum of 6 credits may be taken in related fields from courses numbered 450 and above outside the Department of History.

A student choosing the thesis program must receive permission for his/ her thesis by passing a thesis proposal defense after earning 12 graduate credits in History. The department will provide guidelines for the thesis defense. A student choosing the thesis program must pass a final oral examination over graduate course work and the thesis. All graduate students will be required to present a research paper in a public forum approved by the department's Graduate Director.

Concentration: Public History
Thirty-six credits (27 of which must be at the 500 level) are required for the Public History concentration:

Select four History Graduate Seminars including the following:

Public History Seminar
- Craft of History Seminar
- Research Seminar

Select one from the following:

HIST 590 Reading Seminar: Borders, Boundaries and Frontiers
- HIST 591 Reading Seminar: Modernity and its Discontents
- HIST 592 Reading Seminar: Nature and Society
- HIST 593 Reading Seminar: History, Myth and Memory

HIST 585 Public History Internship

Select a maximum of 9 credits (450-and-above) outside the Department of History

Preparation of an article of scholarly quality

Select 9 credits from courses numbered 500 and above in the Department of History

Total Credits 36

2 with permission of the Director of the Public History Program

Students in the Public History concentration must collectively pass 18 credits of nonpublic history courses, including the nonpublic history seminars noted above. They must collectively pass 18 credits in public history, which must include the public history seminar, the internship, and the article. The scholarly article is developed through work in the internship and will be of peer reviewed journal quality. The public history credits may include a maximum of 9 graduate level (450 -and-above) credits outside the Department of History with permission of the Director of the Public History Program. A student choosing the Public History concentration must pass an article proposal defense about the proposed scholarly article during the first semester after completion of the internship. The department will provide guidelines for the article defense. A student choosing the Public History specialization must give a public presentation of a portfolio that includes his/her work and the scholarly article, and must pass an oral examination over graduate course work, the internship, and the article. Students who receive a Master's degree in this track will have a specialization in Public History added to their transcripts.

Dual Track M.A. (Public History AND Thesis)
Students choosing to pursue both the thesis track and Public History concentration must complete the course hours required for the public history concentration, perform an internship, and defend the proposed thesis before undertaking it using guidelines provided by the department, present the public history portfolio at a public presentation, complete the thesis, and defend their course work, thesis and public history portfolio at a final oral examination. In order to satisfactorily complete both programs, such students would complete 39 credits, including three hours of internship credit and six hours of thesis work.

Select four History Graduate Seminars including the following:

Public History Seminar
- Craft of History Seminar
- Research Seminar

Select one from the following:

HIST 590 Reading Seminar: Borders, Boundaries and Frontiers
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HIST 585 Public History Internship

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Total Credits 36
Select 3 credits at the 500 level from courses in the Department of History

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