
Master of Arts in History

Department of History

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Mission Statement

The Citadel and the College of Charleston offer a joint Master of Arts Degree in History, providing each student with advanced specialized work in one of the following areas: United States history, European history, or Asian/African/ Latin American history. The program has a special emphasis on the history of the American South, the South Carolina Lowcountry, and the Atlantic World. The program serves the needs of those interested in pursuing graduate studies in history. Teachers who complete the program have a greater command of the literature of a particular field. Others are prepared to do doctoral work or pursue other advanced degrees, enter the field of public history, or seek employment opportunities that require advanced training in the humanities. The management of the program is vested in a Joint Program Committee composed of representatives of the two history departments. The directorship rotates between the two institutions. Diplomas and other documents will indicate that the program is a joint endeavor and will include the names of both institutions.

Admission Requirements

1. Completion of the online graduate application along with the non-refundable application fee.
2. Official transcripts from the undergraduate institution conferring the applicant's bachelor degree and transcripts from all postgraduate institutions attended.
3. Submission of official copy of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test score. Applicants are expected to have a GRE verbal score exceeding 152 and a 4.0 for analytical writing. Admission test must have been taken within the last five years.
4. Applicants are expected to have a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 and a 3.0 in the major. Ordinarily, applicants are expected to have completed and passed at least 9 hours of undergraduate coursework beyond the introductory level in history or an allied discipline.
5. Submission of two signed letters of recommendation, normally from former professors. Each reference should be as specific as possible in analyzing the applicant's potential for success in the program. References should address the student's ability to design, conduct, and present research without direct supervision, the ability to analyze complex data and issues, and the ability to write effectively.
6. Submission of evidence of ability to conduct research and present findings. A term paper, honors thesis, or critical essay

from an upper-level or graduate course taken in college will suffice. The evidence of writing should reflect the ability to conceptualize a research theme, conduct research to support an argument, and reach a justified conclusion. The paper should demonstrate an ability to handle documentation of evidence.

*Applicants who do not meet the minimum admissions requirements above, may be admitted as conditional students at the discretion of the joint graduate committee. Upon completion of nine semester hours, with no more than three hours in independent study (HIST-770) and a minimum GPA of 3.25, the student may be admitted unconditionally. There is no guarantee that courses taken in a non-degree status will be credited towards a degree once a student gains provisional or regular admission. Coursework taken to meet admission prerequisites will not count towards degree requirements.

Application Deadlines

The Admissions Committee will consider complete applications for the program on the following dates:

Admission Term:	Materials Due:
Fall and Summer	March 1st
Spring	November 1st

Program Requirements

In consultation with an advisor, each degree candidate will develop a plan of study which includes course work at both institutions. The plan of study must be submitted to the Program Director upon completion of the first six hours or the first semester of graduate work.

In addition to lectures and examinations, graduate courses demand wide reading, thorough research, and advanced historical writing. Only graduate students admitted to the MA program will be automatically enrolled, but non-degree students and exceptional undergraduates—upper division majors in history and related disciplines—may be enrolled, in 500-level courses. For this, however, they will need permission from the instructor and are expected to have a minimum GPA of 3.4 in history courses. No more than two 500-level courses may be taken by an undergraduate. 600- and 700-level courses are for MA program students exclusively.

The Master of Arts in History is conferred upon those candidates who successfully complete an approved program of study consisting of a minimum of 33 semester hours of graduate credit with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Twelve credit hours must be taken at the College of Charleston.

For students who will write a Master's thesis, the distribution of courses follows this general scheme:

- Major area: 12 hours
- Minor area: 6 hours
- Historiography: 3 hours
- Third area: 3 hours*
- Electives: 3 hours**
- HIST-801, HIST-802, 6 hours

For students who will take the comprehensive examination, the distribution of courses follows this general scheme:

- Major area: 12 hours
- Minor area: 6 hours
- Historiography: 3 hours
- Third area: 3 hours*
- Electives: 3 hours**
- HIST-803, 3 hours

*All students must take at least three hours in each area offered by the program (US, Europe, World).

**In history or a related discipline in the humanities or social sciences. Students must obtain prior approval from their campus program director to take a non-history elective. A specific number of courses must be distributed between both institutions.

The program offers two tracks, according to students' career goals:

1. Thesis track students must take one research seminar, HIST-801 and HIST-802, and successfully defend their thesis.
2. Non-thesis track students must take one research seminar, preferably within their area of concentration, an additional elective course, HIST-803, and a comprehensive exam in two distinct areas.

All students are encouraged to attain proficiency in a foreign language. There is no formal requirement for all students in the program to demonstrate language proficiency at a certain level. However, depending upon the program, a candidate may be required by the advisor to demonstrate mastery of an appropriate foreign language, indicated by the satisfactory use of source material or literature in the relevant foreign language in seminar or research work.

African American Studies Emphasis

Students who elect this option must meet all the normal requirements by the master's degree. In addition, they must complete one of the two courses of study below and all courses must meet the approval of the graduate program director.

Thesis Option:

- 6 hours in African American oriented history
- 3 approved hours in another discipline
- 6 hours in an African American oriented thesis

Non-Thesis Option:

- 9 hours in African American oriented history
- 3 approved hours in another discipline

- 3 hours in African American oriented independent study or similar (i.e., research seminar)

Three hours of independent study on an African American topic may be included as part of the nine hours of course work.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (non-credit bearing)

- Darkness to Light Training
- The Citadel Principled Leadership Seminar – LDRS 500

COURSES

(Non-degree, M.A.T., and exceptional undergraduate students may enroll in 500 level courses only, space permitting.)

HIST-502	Colonial America and the American Revolution to 1789
HIST-504	Civil War and Reconstruction
HIST-506	The U.S. in the Twentieth Century
HIST-521	The American South
HIST-522	South Carolina History
HIST-523	Afro-American History
HIST-532	Ancient Greece
HIST-533	Ancient Rome
HIST-535	Medieval Europe
HIST-537	Renaissance and Reformation
HIST-541	Enlightenment and French Revolution
HIST-542	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HIST-543	Twentieth-Century Europe
HIST-545	History of Modern Russia
HIST-551	Women in the Western World
HIST-562	Colonial Latin America
HIST-563	Modern Latin America
HIST-572	Precolonial Africa
HIST-573	Modern Africa
HIST-577	Modern Middle East
HIST-582	China to 1800
HIST-583	Modern China
HIST-586	Japan to 1800
HIST-587	Modern Japan
HIST-590	Special Topics in U.S. History
HIST-591	Special Topics in European History
HIST-592	Special Topics in Latin American Asian/African History
HIST-593	Special Topics in Peace, War, and Diplomacy
HIST-610	Special Topics in U.S. History
HIST-620	Special Topics in Lowcountry Studies
HIST-630	Special Topics in Peace, War, and Diplomacy
HIST-640	Special Topics in European History
HIST-650	Special Topics in British History
HIST-670	Special Topics in Asian/African/ Latin American History
HIST-691	Historiography
HIST-710	Research Seminar in U.S. History
HIST-720	Research Seminar in Lowcountry Studies
HIST-740	Research Seminar in European History
HIST-760	Research Seminar in Asian/ African/ Latin American History
HIST-770	Independent Study in History
HIST-801-802	Master's Thesis

Public History Concentration

Students opting to add a concentration in Public History must meet all the normal requirements for the master's degree. In fulfilling these requirements, they must complete the course of study below and all courses chosen must meet the approval of the graduate program director. Students enrolled in Public History Concentration must complete a public history-oriented thesis. (6 hours)

Program Requirements:

- 33 hours
- Comprehensive exam or thesis
- 12 hours at the College of Charleston

Program of Study

- 3 hours in Introduction in Public History
- 3 hours in Internship Experience
- 6 hours in approved Public History coursework
(may be Interdisciplinary)
- 6 hours in Public History oriented thesis

COURSES

HIST-525	Introduction to Public History	3
HIST-590*	Special Topics in U.S. History	3
HIST-591*	Special Topics in European History	3
HIST-592*	Special Topics in Latin American Asian/African History	3
HIST-593*	Special topics in Peace, War, and Diplomacy	3
HIST-750	Internship Experience	3
HIST-801	Master's Thesis	3
HIST-802	Master's Thesis	3

Electives (6 hours)

Two electives will be required for students enrolled in Public History concentration.

HSPV-807	American Architecture	3
HSPV-808	History and Theory of Historic Preservation	3
HSPV-809	Historical Research Methods	3
HSPV-821	Historic Preservation and Public Memory	3
HSPV-823	Historic American Interiors	3
HSPV-833	Cultural and Historical Landscape Preservation	3
HIST-590	Special Topics in US History*	3

*Content in these courses must relate to public history and is subject to approval by the public history coordinator.