HISTORY, M.A.

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in History requires 30 credit hours. Students must pass a language examination or take an extra 3 credits of course work. Upon entering the program, students will develop an individualized plan of study with prior approval from the Graduate Program Director. They will develop three fields of study based upon the specializations of their three-member faculty committee. Any of our faculty members with graduate faculty status may serve as the main advisor for a M.A. committee. Such a framework allows our students maximum flexibility in pursuing research topics of greatest interest and applicability to their future goals.

The M.A. in History offers excellent preparation for those planning to teach history at community colleges and secondary schools and provides a solid foundation for those who go on to Ph.D. programs or who find employment in government and business. The M.A. improves analytic, research, and writing skills.

The M.A. in History with a concentration in Museum Studies requires 36 credit hours. The program provides graduate-level preparation in the core history program and grounding in the theory and practice of public history. Through mentorship, significant hands-on training, and an internship program, students are prepared to enter the professional world of public history in museums, historic sites, and other venues.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see https://grs.uncg.edu/programs/.

In addition to the application materials required by the Graduate School, applicants must submit:

- Personal statement
- Resume
- Three letters of recommendation
- 15-page writing sample

Qualified applicants must present an approved undergraduate background (though not necessarily a major) in History. At least 9 credit hours of advanced undergraduate history is required.

The submission of GRE scores is optional.

Degree Program Requirements

**Required: 30 credit hours**

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* Including additional colloquia. Chosen in consultation with their faculty committee members and the Graduate Program Director. One elective course (3 credits) may be taken at the graduate level in a related department or program, with the approval of the Graduate Program Director.

**Language Requirement**

Many areas of historical research require proficiency in a foreign language. Students who intend to concentrate in such areas are encouraged to pass the written language examination, administered by the department. In lieu of the language examination, students may substitute an extra 3-credit course. Students who intend to pursue a Ph.D., especially in areas other than U.S. history, are strongly encouraged to pass the language examination. Students may retake a failed language exam.

**Comprehensive Examination**

Students will develop three fields of study based upon the specializations of their three-member faculty committee. If a student selects a faculty member whose specialization is in U.S. history as main advisor, then at least one of the committee members must be a specialist in a non-U.S. field. If a student selects a faculty member whose specialization is in European history as main advisor, then at least one of the committee members must be a specialist in a non-European field. Similarly, if a student selects a faculty member whose specialization is outside United States or European history, at least one of the committee members must come from either U.S. or European history. Some faculty members may require that students have completed at least one course with them before agreeing to serve on a committee; students should consult with prospective committee members early in their graduate career. A faculty member from another UNC Greensboro department or program who has graduate faculty status can serve on a M.A. committee and create a field of study.

All students must pass a written comprehensive examination in each of their three fields of study. The exams are usually administered twice a year, during Fall and Spring. Students may retake a failed comprehensive exam once.

**Research Seminars Capstone Experience**

Students may take HIS 703 M.A. Research Project I/HIS 704 M.A. Research Project II or have the option of completing a 6-credit thesis (HIS 699 Thesis), with the approval of the main faculty advisor and the Graduate Program Director. Students will present the findings of their research at a History Department Graduate Conference.

**Museum Studies Concentration**

**Required: 36 credit hours**

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Museum and Historic Site Interpretation: Principles and Practice 3  
HIS 633 Community History Practicum 3  
HIS/IAR 690 Internship 3  
HIS 701 Colloquium in American History before 1865 3  
HIS 702 Colloquium in American History after 1865 3  
HIS 709 Introductory Research Seminar 3  
HIS 720 Public History Capstone I 3  
HIS 721 Public History Capstone II 3  
Electives (9 credits)  
Select three courses (9 credits) of electives from graduate-level HIS courses 9  
Total Credit Hours 36  

Electives  
By approval of the Director of Public History, students will complete three courses (9 credits) of electives, chosen from graduate-level courses in History. One elective course (3 credits) may be taken at the graduate level in a related department or program.

Public History Capstone (Capstone Experience)  
Students will complete public projects through HIS 720 Public History Capstone I and HIS 721 Public History Capstone II. They will present and reflect on the projects at the History Department’s annual Graduate Conference.

Additional Public History Courses  
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