Overview

The Department of History is committed to providing all students with a historical perspective in its graduate courses so they can better understand the present and can look to the future with knowledge of the past. This program is designed to serve all who desire a more sophisticated understanding of history. This program provides graduate students with (1) an understanding of history as a mode of inquiry, (2) an in-depth exposure to at least two different historical fields, (3) a grounding in historical research methods, and (4) an introduction to the art of historical interpretation.

Credit hours required: 36

Careers

- Teaching Positions
- Museum Educator
- Historical Societies
- Archivist
- Researcher
- Librarian
- Preservation Worker
- Documentary Editor

Program of Study

Students have the choice between two options.

Thesis Option
HIST-401 Historiography and Historical Method... 3 cr.
Seven graduate-level history electives............. 21 cr.
Two graduate research seminars.................... 6 cr.
HIST-499 Thesis Seminar.......................... 6 cr.

NOTE: Students must pass (1) a written comprehensive examination covering material from their courses and (2) an oral thesis defense examination.

Non-Thesis Option
HIST-401 Historiography and Historical Method... 3 cr.
Seven graduate-level history electives............. 21 cr.
Two electives in history or another relevant field... 6 cr.
Two graduate research seminars.................... 6 cr.

NOTE: Students must pass a final comprehensive examination covering the coursework. Subject to change. See current University catalog for up-to-date information.

Admissions

Applicants must meet the general requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies and Research. Applicants are also required to have completed 24 credit hours in undergraduate history. (Those who do not meet this requirement may petition the Department's Graduate Advisor in writing for admission.) Applicants must also submit a graded paper written for an upper division, undergraduate course, preferably in history.

GRE: Not required

Attending Northeastern

- Classes are offered during the late afternoon and evening hours to accommodate professionals working full-time
- Students may attend either part-time or full-time
- Current in-state graduate tuition is less than $400 per credit hour (tuition & fees)
- Financial support: Financial aid (loans), merit tuition scholarships, and graduate assistantships are often available to help fund your graduate education. Contact us for further details.

Contact Us

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