

GRADUATE HISTORY PROGRAM

The Department of History aims to provide all 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. This program is designed to serve all who desire a more sophisticated understanding of history.

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Applicants must fulfill the general requirements for admission to the Graduate College. Applicants must submit at least two letters of recommendation from History faculty with whom the applicant studied as an undergraduate. In addition, they must have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours in undergraduate history (half of these in upper-division classes) with a g.p.a. of 3.0. Applicants must also submit to the Graduate Advisor a graded paper written for an upper-division, undergraduate course, preferably in History. **Graded papers must be included in the application packet.**

It is strongly recommended that prospective students consult the program advisor before applying. Application materials can be obtained by contacting the Graduate College at Northeastern Illinois University: <http://www.neiu.edu/~gradcoll/index.htm>

Application deadline is the fourth week of February for admission to Fall semester courses that year.

SEQUENCE I (without thesis)

Thirty-six credit hours are required, including 30 in history and six in related fields or additional history courses. Students must pass a written final comprehensive examination.

Required courses:

History 401 - Historiography and Historical Method.....	3 cr.
Seven 400-level history electives.....	21 cr.
Two graduate research seminars.....	6 cr.
Two electives in History or in a related field chosen in consultation with advisor.....	6 cr.
Total.....	36 cr.

SEQUENCE II (with thesis)

Thirty-six credit hours are required, including 24 in history, six for thesis, and six in related fields or additional history courses. Students must pass a written final comprehensive examination covering course work and an oral thesis defense examination.

Required Courses:

History 401- Historiography and Historical Method.....	3 cr.
Seven 400-level history electives.....	21 cr.
Two graduate research seminars.....	6 cr.
History 499 - Thesis Seminar: History.....	6 cr.
Total	36 cr.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL M.A. STUDENTS

1. Upon completion of 12 credit hours of course work with a grade point average of at least B (3.0), each student will file an application for candidacy with the Graduate College.
2. Before completion of the program, students will consult with the graduate advisor to select two fields for the written field examination from among the general areas of (i) European History, (ii) non-European/non-United States History, and (iii) United States History. Students must take at least two courses in each of their designated fields.
3. After completing their course work students will take a three-hour, written examination based on courses and/or topics in the two fields selected. This examination will be evaluated by two professors in the appropriate fields and by the graduate advisor or a third, designated professor. To pass the written comprehensive examination the student must receive a passing grade from at least two of the three professors. If a student fails the written comprehensive examination, s/he may retake it once.

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