

HISTORY - 5-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS AND MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

This program is designed for students seeking advanced training in history for their future careers.

The Department of History offers a five-year joint degree program that provides qualified students the opportunity to simultaneously earn a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in History (BA/MA) in a shorter period of time and at a slightly lower financial cost. In this program, the undergraduate degree requirements are modified to prepare students for the rigor of graduate-level coursework. At the completion of the degree, students are well-prepared to apply for doctoral programs in history and other humanities disciplines, teaching positions, and public humanities.

Undergraduate students interested in this program apply during the spring of their junior year. If admitted, students begin taking graduate-level courses in the fall of their senior year. Please note that the BA/MA program is a rigorous and intellectually demanding curriculum and carries a heavy course load. Applicants should have a solid grounding in basic history and a strong interest in advanced historical study.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
HIST 101 or HIST 103	Western Civilization to 1660 or World History to 1500	3
HIST 105	History of the United States	3
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)		3
Foreign language ¹		4
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

HIST 102 or HIST 104	Western Civilization Since 1660 or World History Since 1500	3
HIST 106	History of the United States	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 203	Public Speaking	
COMM 205	Communication for Technical Professions	
COMM 243	Argumentation and Debate	
ENGL 203	Writing about Literature	
ENGL 210	Technical and Professional Writing	
Foreign language ¹		4
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall

HIST 280	The Historian's Craft ²	3
Foreign language ¹		3
Government/Political science (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

Foreign language ¹		3
Government/Political science (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
History elective ⁴		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		18

Third Year

Fall

HIST 481	Seminar in History ²	3
Language, philosophy and culture or creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3
Literature directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)		3
History elective ⁴		3
History elective ⁴		3
General elective ³		3
General elective ³		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall

HIST 628	Historiography ⁵	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3

Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
HIST 629 Research Methods in History ⁵	3
Literature directed elective (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/)	3
General elective ³	1
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	16
Fifth Year	
Fall	
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Spring	
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Graduate elective ⁶	3
Semester Credit Hours	12
Total Semester Credit Hours	150

¹ Complete 14 hours of a foreign language (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/arts-and-sciences/>) through the intermediate level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See academic advisor.

² Writing-intensive course.

³ Select any 100-499 course not used elsewhere (except ASCC 100-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ascc/>); HIST 100-299 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/hist/>)). Up 12 hours of HIST 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/hist/>) may be used for this requirement.

⁴ At least 9 hours at the 300- and 400-level. At least 3 hours from three of the five lists (United States; Europe; Latin America and Caribbean; Africa, Asia and the Middle East; Thematic). At least 3 of these hours must also qualify as pre-modern history.

⁵ Course will double-count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree when completing the MA Non-Thesis track.

⁶ Select any course from HIST 600-699 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/graduate/course-descriptions/hist/>). See graduate adviser about course selection as well as the use of HIST 685 independent studies for credit toward the degree.

courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a Core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Students should plan a program of study in consultation with one of the department's undergraduate advisors.

A minimum of 33 hours in history may be applied to the degree. Students must take not less than 15 credit hours at upper level for history residency requirement. A grade of C or higher is required for a course to be counted in the major field. A student must complete not less than 18 hours of coursework in history at Texas A&M University.

The program includes a total of 150 hours (Thesis Track) or 156 hours (Non-Thesis Track). The Thesis track allows up to 0 hours of graduate coursework to be applied toward both the Bachelor of Arts in History and the Master of Arts in History. The Non-Thesis track allows up to 6 hours of graduate coursework to be applied toward both the Bachelor of Arts in History and the Master of Arts in History.