

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Program Description

The MA program in History at Sam Houston State University prepares students to read, analyze, and write about the past in a way that is meaningful today. In keeping with this philosophy, the program offers a unique experience, which blends the best of traditional seminar classes with the latest in online instruction. Students will find a broad-based education incorporating in-depth studies of American and World history, immersion in the latest historiographical theories, and training in advanced research methods. The program serves students interested in education, public history, and civil service, as well as those aspiring to a Ph.D.

Admissions

Students seeking admission to the graduate program in History must meet the following requirements and submit all documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcripts of all college-level work, including the transcript that shows the date the undergraduate degree was conferred
4. GRE scores
5. Two letters of recommendation that discuss the applicant's suitability for graduate study
6. A writing sample of scholarly work

A holistic review of each student's application file will be completed on a competitive basis.

Degree Requirements

After completing the necessary work for a Master's degree in History, each student must pass both a written and an oral comprehensive exam.

Students should review the information on the History Department's website about the comprehensive exam process (<http://www.shsu.edu/academics/history/mah/comps.html>).

Plan 1 - MA in History (Thesis)

Master of Arts in History (Thesis)

Restricted Electives

Select eight of any graduate courses in History (HIST)	24
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Thesis

HIST 6098	Thesis I	3
HIST 6099	Thesis II	3

Total Hours	30
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Plan 2 - MA in History (Non-Thesis)

Master of Arts in History (Non-Thesis)

Specified Course

HIST 6394	Seminar in History	3
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Specified Electives

Select eleven of any graduate courses in History (HIST)	33
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Total Hours	36
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Plan 2 - MA in History with Minor

Master of Arts in History with Minor

Specified Course

HIST 6394	Seminar in History	3
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Restricted Electives

Select seven of any graduate courses in History (HIST)	21
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Minor

Select four of any graduate courses in a field approved by a Graduate Advisor	12
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Total Hours	36
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