

HISTORY, MA: PUBLIC HISTORY

The Department of History offers MA and PhD programs that prepare students for careers in teaching, in historical research, and in archives, historical agencies, museums, libraries and government. The Department offers a wide array of geographically, chronologically and thematically defined courses.

At the master's level, the Department offers four options:

1. A general degree in History;
2. A specialization in Public History for those interested in areas such as museum work, archival administration and historic preservation;
3. A coordinated Master of Arts/Master of Library and Information Science degree program;
4. A specialization in Urban Historical Studies for students who intend to pursue a PhD in Urban Studies or in Urban History.

At the doctoral level, the Department offers the PhD in History.

The Department also participates in the interdisciplinary master's and doctoral programs in Urban Studies. For more information, see Urban Studies (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/urban-studies/#programstext>).

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines>).

Admission

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet Graduate School requirements (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission>) plus these departmental requirements:

1. An undergraduate minor or 18 credits in history or equivalent preparation.
2. Two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's scholastic achievement and potential.
3. A sample of the applicant's written work that demonstrates his or her ability to conduct historical research and/or the ability to analyze critically the work of others.
4. Scores on the Graduate Record Examination (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/admission/#gre>) (General Test only).

Please visit the History department's website for information on the History Department Application (<http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/history/graduate/gradapply.cfm>).

Applicants may be admitted with course deficiencies provided that the deficiencies amount to no more than two courses. The student is expected to satisfy deficiency requirements within three enrolled semesters. The deficiencies are monitored by the Graduate School and the individual graduate program unit. No course credits earned in making up deficiencies may be counted toward the degree.

Advising

The Director of Graduate Studies provides initial advising for students in selecting courses and assists in selecting a Major Professor for long-term advising; the Director may assign a provisional graduate advisor before students select a Major Professor. Students are required to consult periodically with, and have their schedules approved by, the Director of Graduate Studies, the provisional advisor, or the Major Professor. The Major Professor normally serves as the chair of the student's academic review and supervises either the writing of the student's thesis or the student's reading for the comprehensive exam.

Credits and Courses

General History Option A: Thesis Option

Minimum degree requirement is 30 graduate credits, at least 24 of which must be taken in History. Required credit distribution:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 712 or HIST 713	Historiography and Theory of History Historical Research Methods	3
Select 6 credits in two colloquia ¹		6
Select 6 credits in two seminars		6
Select 6 credits in thesis		6
Select 9 credits in electives in consultation with the student's advisor		9
Total Credits		30

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Academic Review and Thesis Prospectus

Within the first semester after completing 9 credits (including two of the following courses: HIST 712, HIST 713, a colloquium and/or seminar), Option A students are subject to an academic review. The Review is a one- to two-hour meeting involving the student, the student's Major Professor and two other members of the History Graduate Faculty who will serve as secondary readers of the student's thesis. With the assistance of his or her Major Professor, the student must prepare a thesis prospectus in advance of the Review. The Review involves an evaluation of the student's academic progress in master's coursework, two unrevised course papers, and the thesis prospectus.

General History Option B: Non-Thesis Option

Minimum degree requirement is 30 graduate credits, 24 of which must be taken in History. Required credit distribution:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 712 or HIST 713	Historiography and Theory of History Historical Research Methods	3
Select 6 credits in two colloquia (800 numbers) ¹		6
Select 6 credits in two seminars (900 numbers)		6
Select 15 credits in electives in consultation with the student's advisor		15
Total Credits		30

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Academic Review and Comprehensive Examination Reading List

Within the first semester after completing 9 credits (including two of the following courses: HIST 712, HIST 713, a colloquium and/or seminar),

Option B students are subject to an academic review. The Review is a one- to two-hour meeting involving the student, the student's Major Professor and two other members of the History Graduate Faculty who will serve as examiners for the student's comprehensive exam. With the assistance of his or her Major Professor, the student must prepare a reading list for the comprehensive exam in advance of the Review. The Review involves an evaluation of the student's academic progress in master's coursework, two unrevised course papers, and the reading list for the comprehensive exam.

Urban Historical Studies Specialization

This specialization combines historical approaches with those of the social sciences in studying urban processes, organizations, and society. It is designed to meet the needs of students who intend to enter the interdisciplinary Urban Studies Ph.D. program or a similar program after completion of the Master of Arts degree.

The minimum degree requirement is 33 graduate credits distributed in the following manner:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 712 or HIST 713	Historiography and Theory of History Historical Research Methods	3
HIST 595	The Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data	3
Select 6 credits in History colloquia (800 numbered courses)		6
HIST 971	Seminar on the History of American Urban Problems	3
Select 3 additional credits in History seminars (900 numbered course)		3
HIST 985	Master's Thesis Research	6
Select three of the following:		9
URB STD 901	Seminar: Urban Social Structure	
URB STD 913	Seminar in Urban Political Process	
URB STD 945	The Internal Structure of the City	
URB STD 921	Seminar: Research Methods in Urban Studies	
Total Credits		33

Public History Specialization

Minimum degree requirement is 36 graduate credits, 18 of which must be taken in general history courses, the remaining 18 in public history courses.

Code	Title	Credits
General History		
Select 6 credits in colloquia ¹		6
Select 6 credits in seminars		6
HIST 715	Research Methods in Local History	3
Select 3 credits in electives		3
Public History		
HIST 700	Introduction to Public History (taken in the first semester of the first year)	3
Select one of the following:		6
HIST 701	Internship in Public History	
Thesis (to be taken by students in the thesis track; see tracks below)		

Select 9 credits in public history that pertain to the area in which the student specializes in	9
Total Credits	36

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Tracks

Students must select from one of the following tracks:

- Museum Studies
- Archives
- Historic Preservation
- Thesis

Museum Studies Track

Code	Title	Credits
General History		
Select 6 credits in colloquia ¹		6
Select 6 credits in seminars		6
HIST 715	Research Methods in Local History	3
Public History		
HIST 700	Introduction to Public History (taken in the first semester of the first year)	3
Select one of the following:		6
HIST 701	Internship in Public History	
Thesis (to be taken by students in the thesis track; see tracks below)		
Specialization		
ANTHRO 720	History and Theory of Museums	3
ANTHRO 721	Administration and Organization of Museums	3
ANTHRO 722	Visitor Experience Design in Museums	3
ANTHRO 723	Museum Collections Management and Curation	3
Total Credits		36

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Archives Track

Code	Title	Credits
General History		
Select 6 credits in colloquia ¹		6
Select 6 credits in seminars		6
HIST 715	Research Methods in Local History	3
Select 3 credits in electives		3
Public History		
HIST 700	Introduction to Public History (taken in the first semester of the first year)	3
Select one of the following:		6
HIST 701	Internship in Public History	
Thesis (to be taken by students in the thesis track; see tracks below)		
Specialization		
Select three of the following:		9

INFOST 650	An Introduction to Modern Archives Administration	
INFOST 850	Seminar in Modern Archives Administration	
INFOST 750	Arrangement and Description in Archives	
INFOST 752	Archival Outreach: Programs and Services	
INFOST 759	Fieldwork in Archives and Manuscripts	
Total Credits		36

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Historic Preservation Track

Code	Title	Credits
General History		
Select 6 credits in colloquia ¹		6
Select 6 credits in seminars		6
HIST 715	Research Methods in Local History	3
Select 3 credits in electives		3
Public History		
HIST 700	Introduction to Public History (taken in the first semester of the first year)	3
Select one of the following:		6
HIST 701	Internship in Public History	
Thesis (to be taken by students in the thesis track; see tracks below)		
Specialization		
Select three of the following:		9
ARTHIST 459	American Architecture	
ARCH 551	American Vernacular Architecture	
ARCH 560	Introduction to Historic Preservation	
ARCH 760	History of Building Technology	
Total Credits		36

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Multi-Disciplinary Historical Preservation Option

Within the historic preservation track, students may elect to complete a multi-disciplinary historical preservation option. For this option, the minimum degree requirement is 48 graduate credits, 24 of which must be in history courses, with the remaining 24 selected from historic preservation courses in Art History and Architecture.

Code	Title	Credits
General History		
Select 6 credits in colloquia ¹		6
Select 6 credits in seminars		6
HIST 715	Research Methods in Local History	3
Public History		
HIST 700	Introduction to Public History (taken in the first semester of the first year)	3
HIST 701	Internship in Public History	6
Historic Preservation		

ARCH 300	Architectural History and Theory	3
ARCH 551	American Vernacular Architecture	3
ARCH 560	Introduction to Historic Preservation	3
ARTHIST 459	American Architecture	3
ARCH 533	Topics in Architectural Theory:	3
ARCH 561	Measured Drawing for Architects	3
ARCH 562	Preservation Technology Laboratory	3
Total Credits		45

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Thesis Track

Students in the thesis track write a thesis in public history instead of pursuing an internship.

Code	Title	Credits
General History		
Select 6 credits in colloquia ¹		6
Select 6 credits in seminars		6
HIST 715	Research Methods in Local History	3
Select 3 credits in electives		3
Public History		
HIST 700	Introduction to Public History (taken in the first semester of the first year)	3
Thesis		6
Interdisciplinary Requirement		
Select 9 credits in the humanities and/or social sciences that focus on culture and politics in public history (see below)		9
Total Credits		36

¹ Students may take 3 credits of either HIST 716 or HIST 717 as a substitute for 3 credits in one colloquium.

Interdisciplinary Recommendations

The following are recommended interdisciplinary courses (others may be chosen with the approval of the Public History coordinators):

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 349	Seminar in Ethnography and Cultural Processes	3
ANTHRO 803	Survey of Cultural Anthropology	3
ARCH 302	Architecture and Human Behavior	3
ARTHIST 363	Modern Sculpture: 1880-1945	3
ARTHIST 458	A Comparative History of Architecture and Urbanism:	3
ARTHIST 901	Problems in Art History:	3
ENGLISH 630	Seminar in Literature and the Other Arts:	3
ENGLISH 741	Approaches to the Modern II	3
ENGLISH 885	Seminar in Critical Theory:	3
JAMS 562	Media Studies and Culture	3
JAMS 815	Media and Cultural Studies	3
INFOST 650	An Introduction to Modern Archives Administration	3
INFOST 655	Information and Records Management:	3

SOCIOL 927	Seminar in Sociology of Contemporary Institutions:	3
SOCIOL 928	Seminar in Social Organization:	3
URB STD 921	Seminar: Research Methods in Urban Studies	3

Thesis Prospectus requirements outlined above for the General History Option A.

Comprehensive Examination
Not required.

Time Limit

The student must complete all degree requirements within seven years of initial enrollment.

Within the first semester after completing 9 credits (including two of the following courses: HIST 700, HIST 715, a colloquium, and/or a seminar), public history students who choose to write a thesis are subject to an academic review. The review is a one- to two-hour meeting involving the student, the student's major professor, and two other members of the History Graduate Faculty who will serve as secondary readers of the student's thesis. With the assistance of his or her major professor, the student must prepare a thesis prospectus in advance of the review. The review involves an evaluation of the student's academic progress in master's coursework, two unrevised course papers, and the thesis prospectus.

Program Requirements

General History Option A: Thesis Option

Thesis
The student must write an acceptable thesis.

Thesis Defense

The student must pass an oral examination in defense of the thesis.

Time Limit

The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment.

General History Option B: Non-Thesis Option

Thesis
Not required.

Comprehensive Examination

The student must pass a written and oral comprehensive examination.

Time Limit

The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment

Urban Historical Studies Specialization

Thesis
A thesis is required in this specialization.

Thesis Defense

The student must pass an oral defense of the thesis.

Time Limit

The student must complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment.

Internship

All internships must be approved by the Public History Coordinator and are to be supervised and evaluated by the Coordinator and the host institution. All students must write a substantial paper as a part of their internship experience.

Thesis Option for Students in Non-Thesis Tracks

A thesis is not required for students in the museum studies, archives, and historical preservation tracks, but with the approval of the Public History Coordinator these students may write a thesis in public history, which will add 6 credits to the 36-credit Public History specialization. Public History students who write a thesis are subject to the Academic Review and