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Program Status Active
Academic Level Graduate

Type of proposal Major/Field of Study

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Making Minor Changes to an Existing Certificate, Degree or Program (including 15 or fewer hours, admission/graduation requirements, Focused Studies or Tracks)

Are you adding a concentration?

No

Are you adding or modifying a track?

No

Are you adding or modifying a focused study?

No

Effective Catalog Year Fall 2024

College/School Code
Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)

Department Code
Department of History (HIST)

Program Code HISTMA

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
4. Registrar Initial
5. Institutional Research
6. HIST Chair
7. ARSC Curriculum Committee
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9. Global Campus
10. Provost Review
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12. Faculty Senate
13. Provost Final
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15. Catalog Editor Final

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Degree

Master of Arts

CIP Code

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History

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2. May 3, 2017 by Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza)
3. May 14, 2018 by Jim Gigantino (jgiganti)
4. May 21, 2019 by Jim Gigantino (jgiganti)
5. May 18, 2020 by Jim Gigantino (jgiganti)
6. Jun 19, 2020 by Charlie Alison (calison)
7. Feb 17, 2021 by Jim Gigantino (jgiganti)

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Program Title

History, Master of Arts

Program Delivery

Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total hours needed to complete the program? 30

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Application to Degree Program (with a B.A.):

All prospective students are evaluated by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of History and are judged on a case-by-case basis, looking at a variety of factors including GPA, GRE [scores \(optional since 2021\)](#),

scores; letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, and the appropriateness of our current faculty and other resources to student interests.

Graduate work at the master's level presupposes an undergraduate major in history of approximately 30 semester hours, although the Graduate Studies Committee will consider outstanding applicants with undergraduate degrees in related disciplines. In the past, strong applicants have presented at least an overall cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or a grade point average of 3.25 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate work, a verbal score in the sixty-fifth percentile on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and an Analytical Writing score of 4.0 on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students who present a minimum of 30 hours in history may be admitted without deficiency. Students who present between 18 and 30 hours of history may be admitted with or without deficiency, subject to the determination of the Graduate Studies Committee. Students who present less than 18 hours of history may not be admitted without deficiency. The Graduate Studies Committee will determine the nature of the deficiency requirements.

Applicants to the M.A. program in History must apply through the Graduate School. Students must submit a statement of purpose describing their goals in graduate study, a departmental application, a resume or CV, a writing sample, and three letters of recommendation. Master's applications are due February 1 each year. Details can be found on the departmental website.

Application to Degree Program (4+1 Program):

Applicants to the M.A. program under the 4+1 Program must be a University Arkansas undergraduate pursuing a bachelor's degree, be in at least their junior year, and must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

All prospective students who apply through the 4+1 program are evaluated by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of History and are judged on a case-by-case basis, looking at a variety of factors including GPA, letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, and the appropriateness of our current faculty and other resources to student interests. GRE Scores are not required to apply to MA program through the 4+1 program. 4+1 students may take up to 12 hours of graduate coursework (5000-level or above) in their last two semesters (senior year) that will be counted toward both their B.A. and M.A. degrees. Upon completion of the B.A. degree, those students who have at least a 3.0 GPA in HIST graduate courses will be admitted to the Graduate School and eligible to complete the M.A. program.

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree (Thesis Option): Students seeking the Master of Arts degree through the thesis option must complete at least 30 hours of history at the 5000-level and above. These should include:

<u>HIST 7023</u>	Historical Methods	3
<u>HIST 600V</u>	Master's Thesis	6
<u>HIST 7123</u>	Research Seminar in History	3
7000-level seminar courses (either reading or research)		9
At least nine hours of history at the 5000-level and above		9
Total Hours		30

Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree (Non-Thesis Option): Students seeking the Master of Arts degree through the non-thesis option must complete at least 30 hours of history at the 5000-level and above. These should include:

HIST 7023	Historical Methods	3
HIST 7123	Research Seminar in History	3
7000-level seminar courses (either reading or research)		12
At least 12 hours of history at the 5000-level and above		12
Total Hours		30

Only three hours of independent study may be counted towards the degree. [HIST 7043](#) Historiography can be substituted as a reading seminar to partially fulfill the seminar requirement. At least 9 of the 21 hours of seminars and electives must be in areas outside of the main field of specialization. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA in all course work for the M.A. degree.

Master’s candidates pursuing the thesis option must complete and satisfactorily defend a master’s thesis in history as judged by a panel of departmental faculty. Master's candidates pursuing the non-thesis option, upon completion of 30 hours of coursework, must pass an oral comprehensive examination in their primary area of study as well as research methods, including a defense of an originally researched article length essay as administered by the Master's Advisory Committee.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to [master's degrees](#).

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program 20

Scheduled Program Review Date 2024-2025

Program Goals and Objectives

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The History Department has a very strong research agenda among its faculty. Since 2005, faculty have produced 44 books, meeting or exceeding the productivity of faculties at our peer institutions nationally. This active research agenda has been supported by numerous outside grants and fellowships as well as internal awards from the department, college, and university.

The Department’s primary goal with the MA program over the next five years is to continue to cultivate a strong research culture among its graduate students, especially in the MA program where students are working towards creating and defending an individual MA thesis. The department has begun using programing from Karen Kelsky’s *The Professor is In* (an author and frequent Chronicle contributor) to encourage them to work towards publishing at least one article or book chapter before they complete their studies.

Learning Outcomes

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- Mastery over one field in History and training in at least one other field
- Reading proficiency in the languages required to write the M.A. thesis
- Capacity for original research as evidenced by the writing of a M.A. thesis
- Ability to communicate effectively as a participant in a graduate seminar
- Ability to write analytically at a level commensurate with graduate work in History
- Professionalization in the academy (presenting research at regional conferences, applying for University-wide or regional grants, and publishing articles)
- Participation in the academic life of the Department (seminars and public lectures)

Description and justification of the request

Description of specific change	Justification for this change
Inserted language that the GRE has been optional for applicants since 2021.	It reflects a policy change we made in 2021.

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Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (11/02/23 4:41 pm): Updated submitter information and adjusted effective date from Fall 2023 to Fall 2024. ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (11/02/23 4:56 pm): Undergraduate Council removed from workflow.