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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 HISTPH

In Workflow

1. ARSC Dean Initial
2. GRAD Dean Initial
3. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment
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5. Institutional Research
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15. Catalog Editor Final

Approval Path

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3. 11/02/23 5:00 pm
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Degree Doctor of Philosophy

CIP Code

and Program
Assessment

4. 11/02/23 5:24 pm
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5. 11/02/23 5:25 pm
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6. 11/02/23 8:32 pm
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7. 11/14/23 11:37 am
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8. 11/14/23 1:16 pm
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9. 11/14/23 1:18 pm
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11. 11/17/23 3:40 pm
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History

1. Oct 23, 2017 by Charlie Alison (calison)
2. May 18, 2020 by Jim Gigantino (jgiganti)
3. Jun 19, 2020 by Charlie Alison (calison)

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Program Title

History, Doctor of Philosophy

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? 42

Program Requirements and Description

Requirements

Prerequisites to the Degree Program: Graduate work at the doctoral level presupposes a Master of Arts in History, although the Graduate Studies Committee will consider outstanding applicants with master's degrees in related disciplines. Applicants without an M.A. degree but with exceptionally strong qualifications may be admitted directly into the Ph.D. program at the discretion of the Graduate Studies Committee. In the past, strong applicants have presented at least a 3.25 GPA in their previous graduate work as well as a verbal score in the 65th percentile on the GRE (optional from Fall 2023 forward) Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and a 4.0 Analytical Writing score on the GRE. Graduate Record Examination (GRE):

The Department of History does not require applicants to submit GRE scores as part of the application, though applicants may choose to report scores if they choose. Failure to submit scores may make an applicant ineligible to be nominated for certain fellowships through the Graduate School. The Department fully funds every admitted full-time Ph.D. student, which includes a full tuition waiver, a stipend, and other fringe benefits.

Applicants to the Ph.D. 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, three letters of recommendation, and a writing sample. Ph.D. applications are due December 1 each year. Details can be found on the departmental website.

Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree: During the first semester of study, all doctoral students will be assigned an advisory committee that will determine their particular programs. Students will select three fields of historical specialization including a minimum of 72 hours beyond the bachelor's degree and a minimum of 42 hours at the 5000-level or above beyond the master's degree. 18 hours of this minimum should be HIST 700V: Doctoral Dissertation.

Students will also be required to meet the departmental language requirement by establishing reading competency in at least one foreign language. At the discretion of the student's advisory committee, doctoral students may be required to prove reading competency in additional foreign languages if appropriate to their respective fields of research and study.

After completing the course of study prescribed by their advisory committees (with a minimum 3.0 GPA in all course work for the Ph.D. degree), satisfying the language requirements, and before the end of the third year of full-time study, doctoral students may apply to take the candidacy examinations. These consist of written exams in each of the three specialized fields and an oral examination. When these examinations have been passed, students may apply for admission to candidacy. Within six months of passing the written and oral exams, doctoral candidates will write and defend a dissertation prospectus.

All students must demonstrate a capacity for independent research by the writing of an original dissertation on a topic within their major area of study. Upon admission to candidacy, students will be assigned a dissertation committee with a major professor as chair to direct the research and writing. Under direction of the major professor, candidates will develop programs of reading in the general areas and research techniques pertinent to researching and writing their dissertations.

The student's final examination will be an oral defense of the dissertation.

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

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student Demand for Program 40

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 49 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.

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The Department’s primary goal with the PhD program over the next five years is to continue to cultivate a strong research culture among its graduate students, especially in the PhD program where students are increasingly facing a difficult academic job market. The department has begun using programming 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 two other fields
- Reading proficiency in at least one foreign language
- Capacity for original research as evidenced by the writing of an original PhD dissertation
- 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
To convey to applicants that the GRE is now optional for Ph.D. applicants.	To reflect a policy change in the department.

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Reviewer Comments

Lisa Kulczak (lkulcza) (11/02/23 4:57 pm): Updated submitter information and changed effective date from fall 2023 to fall 2024. ATTENTION REGISTRAR: Please remove Undergraduate Council from the workflow.

Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (11/02/23 5:24 pm): Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

Jim Gigantino (jgiganti) (11/14/23 3:38 pm): Changed language regarding GRE to below at request of Todd Cleveland/Dept of History The Department of History does not require applicants to submit GRE scores as part of the application, though applicants may choose to report scores if they choose. Failure to submit scores may make an applicant ineligible to be nominated for certain fellowships through the Graduate School. The Department fully funds every admitted full-time Ph.D. student, which includes a full tuition waiver, a stipend, and other fringe benefits.