

HISTORY (M.A.)

Program Admission Requirements

- Submit a completed FGCU Graduate Admissions Application (<https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid/graduateadmissions/>) and satisfy all applicable university admissions requirements.
- Earned baccalaureate degree from an institution that maintains accreditation by a U.S. Department of Education sanctioned accrediting body (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation> (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation/>) or equivalent foreign institution
- At least 15 credits in History from an institution that maintains accreditation by a U.S. Department of Education sanctioned accrediting body (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation> (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation/>) or equivalent foreign institution with a 3.0 GPA in all History courses.
- A 3.0 GPA for the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate degree (GRE not required). For applicants with less than 3.0 GPA for the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate degree, a minimum verbal GRE score of 500 (old) or 153 (revised) and a minimum analytical score of 3.5.
- International students must demonstrate English language proficiency in accordance with University regulation.
- Two letters of recommendation from past professors or mentors.
- A writing sample of 3,000 words or more.
- Personal statement of interest in pursuing graduate work in history (2-3 pages). The statement should be written in clear, formal academic prose and should explain your motivation in pursuing a Master's degree; your career goals; and the intended focus or specialization of your graduate studies. The letter will be strengthened by specific references to relevant experience or training.

Important: If you are interested in taking one or more graduate-level courses without being admitted into a program at this time, please visit the Non Degree-Seeking Student Web site.

Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

- Students must earn a grade of "B" or better in all graduate-level classes. A grade of B- does not meet this requirement.
- Pursuant to University guidelines, all course work for the degree must be completed within seven years of admission to the program. Extensions may be approved by the History Graduate Program Leader and the Office of Graduate Studies for extenuating circumstances.
- No more than 6 credits of HIS 6905 Directed Readings will be permitted. Additional hours may be permitted under exceptional circumstances with the approval of the History Graduate Program Leader.
- Students may take a maximum of 9 credits of cross-listed (undergraduate and graduate combined) courses.
- Students who have taken HIS 6971 Master's Thesis while pursuing the Thesis Option, and then change to the Non-Thesis Option may apply up to 6 credits of HIS 6971 Master's Thesis to the appropriate Field of Study requirements with the approval of the History Graduate Program Leader.

- Graduate students may not take undergraduate courses for graduate credit.
- Graduate students must complete HIS 6004 College-Level Teaching before they can serve as Teaching Assistants.
- A maximum of 9 graduate credits may be transferred from an institution that maintains accreditation by a U.S. Department of Education sanctioned accrediting body (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation> (<https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation/>) or equivalent foreign institution.
- Students must register for a minimum of one credit during the semester in which they apply for graduation.
- Earn more than 50% of the credits toward the degree through FGCU.
- Submit an application for graduation by the semester deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.
- If pursuing the thesis option, submit one electronic copy of the completed thesis to ProQuest. Refer to the Graduate Studies website for guidelines

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Professional Practice		(3 credits)

Complete one from the following: ¹		
HIS 6004	College-Level Teaching	3
HIS 6159	Historiography	3
HIS 6937	Academic Writing and Editing	3

Thesis or Non-Thesis		(33 credits)
-----------------------------	--	---------------------

Complete one of the following options ²

Thesis Option		
Complete 18 credits in the thesis field of study, to include 6 credits of:		
Complete 6 credits in the non-thesis field of study.		
Complete 9 credits of elective courses at the 5000 level and above. ³		

Thesis: Students will, under the supervision of a faculty advisor, complete a thesis in one of the fields of study below. Students are required to complete and defend the thesis and submit one electronic copy of the completed thesis to ProQuest. The production and style of these will follow established university guidelines.

Non-Thesis Option		
Complete 33 credits of graduate level (5000 and above) courses. A maximum of 18 credits can be selected from any one field of study. ³		
Take and successfully defend a comprehensive exam.		

Fields of Study		
In consultation with a faculty advisor, students will select appropriate courses from three fields of study: U.S. History; State, Local, and Public History; and World History. The specific courses selected will depend on student interests, career goals, and selection of thesis or non-thesis option. Courses selected for the thesis field will serve as the foundation for development of the thesis. ⁴		

US History Courses:		
AMH 6116	American Colonial Hist	3
AMH 6176	Civil War and Reconstruction	3
AMH 6278	U.S. in the Cold War	3
AMH 6424	Modern Florida	3
AMH 6516	American Diplomatic History	3

AMH 6535	American Immigration History	3
AMH 6546	American Military History	3
AMH 6567	Women in American History	3
AMH 6576	African-Amer Hist to 1865	3
AMH 6577	African-Amer Hist since 1865	3
AMH 6915	Research American History (With appropriate topic)	3
AMH 6939	Seminar in American History (With appropriate topic)	3
HIS 5930	Special Topics (With appropriate topic)	3
HIS 6905	Directed Readings	1-3
HIS 6966	Comprehensive Exam	3
HIS 6971	Master's Thesis	1-3
State, Local and Public History Courses:		
HIS 5930	Special Topics (With appropriate topic)	3
HIS 5941	Internship in History	1-3
HIS 6067	Public History	3
HIS 6077	Oral History	3
HIS 6093	How Societies Remember	3
HIS 6156	Material Culture	3
HIS 6168	Issues Digital & Public Hist	3
HIS 6905	Directed Readings (With appropriate topic)	1-3
HIS 6966	Comprehensive Exam	3
HIS 6971	Master's Thesis	1-3
World History Courses:		
AFH 6256	Africa in World History	3
EUH 6184	Medieval Ecclesiology & Law	3
EUH 6249	Themes in Holocaust History	3
EUH 6517	Tudor and Stuart Britain	3
EUH 6939	Seminar in European History	3
HIS 5930	Special Topics (With appropriate topic)	3
HIS 6905	Directed Readings (With appropriate topic)	1-3
HIS 6966	Comprehensive Exam	3
HIS 6971	Master's Thesis	1-3
LAH 6137	Colonial Latin America	3
LAH 6306	Modern Latin America	3
LAH 6939	Seminar Lat Am Hist	3
WOH 6201	Environmental History	3
WOH 6207	Age of Discovery	3
WOH 6247	Century of Global Conflict	3
WOH 6265	Making of the Global Order	3
WOH 6939	Seminar in World History	3
Other graduate courses with the prefixes AFH, ASH, EUH, LAH, and WOH		

for the thesis field will serve as the foundation for development of the thesis.

Total Credits Required: 36

¹ Additional professional practice courses may be taken to fulfill other program requirements in the appropriate field of study.

² All courses must be selected in consultation with the faculty advisor.

³ A maximum of 9 credits of courses from outside of the History program may be substituted with the approval of the History Graduate Program Leader.

⁴ The specific courses selected will depend on student interests, career goals, and selection of thesis or non-thesis option. Courses selected