

# M.A. in History

The MA degree requires a total of 36 semester hours of graduate credit. The program offers a thesis or non-thesis degree option and encompasses a broad education in major fields of history, underlying methods and concepts, as well as a unique opportunity to examine the particular confluence of various strains of history that occur along the U.S. – Mexican border. For course descriptions and other information related to graduate studies, visit our website at <http://utb.edu/vpaa/graduate>.

## Admission Requirements:

Evidence of academic achievement and potential for advanced study and research is required for graduate admission. Specific criteria for Unconditional Admission for Master's degree seeking students in History are:

- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- GRE Verbal score of 400
- GRE Analytical score of 4.0
- A Personal Statement of at least 1,000 words
- 6 undergraduate upper-division hours in History

Submission of official GRE score report is required prior to admission.

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 but of at least 2.5 and/or GRE scores lower than those specified might be considered on a conditional basis.

A complete application packet, including a graduate admission application and all supporting documents required by the department, must be submitted by June 1st - Fall, November 1st - Spring and April 1st - Summer. Notification of decisions on graduate admission is made by the Office of Graduate Studies based on the admission criteria and recommendation of the academic department. Information related to application procedures and deadlines is available through the Office of Graduate Studies.

## 36-Hour Thesis/Non-Thesis Program

Each student in the M.A. degree program will be assigned a Faculty Advisor. Together the student and the advisor will choose courses in History and a supporting field. Efforts are made to relate the material studied in the supporting field to history. A formal Program of Study as described in the Graduate Catalog will be prepared and submitted for approval by the Office of Graduate Studies.

## Supporting Fields

Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Communication, Education, English, Fine Arts, Geography, Government, Interpreting, Music, Psychology, Spanish, Sociology.



## Thesis Option:

Required Courses	Credit Hours
The Historical Discipline.....	6
United States .....	6
Latin America/Borderlands.....	6
European/World History.....	6
Thesis .....	6
Supporting Field .....	6
Total .....	36

## Thesis

As part of their graduate program, students may choose the option of writing a thesis, for which they will receive 6 hours of graduate credit. Those who take this option must select a thesis committee, composed of a committee chairperson and two other members of the graduate faculty, to approve the topic and to assist in the preparation of the thesis. Students must pass an oral defense of the completed thesis. Students selecting this option will register for HIST 7300 and HIST 7301.

## Non-Thesis Option:

Required Courses	Credit Hours
The Historical Discipline.....	6
United States .....	6
Latin America/Borderlands.....	6
European/World History.....	6
Electives from any field in History .....	6
Supporting Field .....	6
Total .....	36

## Comprehensive Examination:

Each candidate for the non-thesis Master of Arts in History degree must pass a comprehensive written examination prepared by the graduate faculty and administered by the Office of Graduate Studies.

## Financial Aid/Scholarships/ Graduate Assistantships:

The award of financial aid, scholarships, and graduate assistantships is based on need, academic achievement, and availability. For more information, please inquire at the Office of Financial Aid, the Office of Graduate Studies, and the History Department.

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## Course Descriptions

### HIST 6300 Historiography and Methods

The course offers an overview of historiography and an introduction to the research and writing methods utilized and debated by historians. The course covers topics of importance to professional historians in all fields, including basic and advanced research tools, the development of historical thinking, and recent developments in historical research. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3 Cr 3

### HIST 6301 Topics in American History to 1860

A survey and critique of the bibliography and problems of various eras in American history before the Civil War. May be repeated for credit when topic varies. Lec 3, Cr 3

### HIST 6303 Topics in American History since 1860

A survey and critique of the bibliography and problems of various eras in American history since 1860. May be repeated for credit when topic varies. Lec 3, Cr 3

### HIST 6305 History of the American West

The course analyzes the history of the American West and Frontier from the Appalachian Range to the Pacific Ocean with a special emphasis on the West as a distinctive region in the United States. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3, Cr.3

### HIST 6307 Colonial America

This course is a reading and research seminar designed to familiarize students with important trends in Colonial American history and historiography. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3, Cr. 3

### HIST 6309 Wars in American History

This course analyzes the wars the United States has engaged in since independence. It focuses on topics such as causes, aims, and consequences of American warfare, mobilization, the contributions of different ethnic groups on the front and at home, and contemporary issues related to American warfare.

### HIST 6312 Colonial Latin America

This course introduces students to selected major issues and themes in Colonial Latin American history with an emphasis on the development of colonial society, slavery and race. Prerequisite: Admission to MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3, Cr. 3

### HIST 6313 Modern Latin America

This course introduces students to selected major issues and themes in Modern Latin American history with an emphasis on the development of society, culture, and politics. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS Program. Lec. 3, Cr. 3

### HIST 6314 US/Mexican Border Twin Cities

This course introduces students to major themes and topics in the history and historiography of border twin cities such as Brownsville/Matamoros, Tijuana/San Diego, El Paso/Juarez. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS Program. Lec 3, Cr 3

### HIST 6315 Borderlands History

This course introduces students to major themes and topics of the history and historiography of the Mexican-American borderlands. Emphasis will be put on the economy, immigration, culture and society. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3, Cr. 3

### HIST 6316 Studies in Mexican and American Heritages

An intensive investigation of selected historical problems in the Mexican-American and Anglo-American cultural heritages and the fusion and clash of these cultures. May be repeated for credit when topic varies. Lec 3, Cr 3

### HIST 6317 Topics in Texas and Southwestern History

A survey and critique of the bibliography and problems of various eras in Texas and Southwestern history. May be repeated once for credit when topic varies. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program.

### HIST 6318 Topics in Latin American History

A survey and critique of the bibliography and problems of various eras in Latin

American history. May be repeated once for credit when topic varies.

Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program.

### HIST 6331 Topics in European/World History to 1650

The course investigates significant issues and themes in European or World History before 1650. May be repeated for credit for a total of 3 times when topic varies. Lec. 3, Cr. 3 Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program.

### HIST 6333 Topics in European/World History since 1650

This course investigates significant issues and themes in European or World History since 1650. May be repeated for credit for a total of 3 times when topic varies. Lec. 3, Cr. 3 Prerequisite: Admission to the MA or MAIS program.

### HIST 6334 Modern European History

The course analyzes European history from 1789 to the present. Its major focus will be on topics such as industrialization and the emergence of the modern economic world system, the development of the nation-state, imperialism, the World Wars, genocide, rebuilding, and the changing role of Europe in the 21st Century. Prerequisite: Admission to MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3, Cr. 3

### HIST 6335 The Atlantic World

This course connects the separate histories of Europe, Africa, North America, and the Caribbean since the 15th Century. The course emphasizes political, economic, and cultural relations among Africans, Americans and Europeans. Prerequisite: Admission to MA or MAIS program. Lec 3, Cr 3

### HIST 6336 Modern China

This course introduces students to major themes and topics of the history and historiography of China since 1900. Prerequisite: Admission to MA or MAIS program. Lec 3, Cr 3

### HIST 6337 World Revolutions

This course introduces students to major themes and topics of the history Prerequisite: Admission to MA or MAIS program. Lec 3, Cr 3

### HIST 6338 The World Wars

This course introduces students to the history and historiography of the world wars with an emphasis on the wars causes, conduct and consequences. Prerequisite: Admission to MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3, Cr.3

### HIST 6390 Research Seminar

This seminar trains students in identifying bodies of primary sources, familiarizes them with issues of analysis and historiography, and enables them to sustain a primary research project and to present their research findings in a paper. Prerequisite: Admission to the MA program. Completion of HIST 6300 and at least one graduate course in the area of the course being taught. Lec. 3, Cr. 3

### HIST 7300 Thesis Research and Writing

Independent thesis research and writing. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Completed HIST 6390 and at least 15 credit hours in the history graduate program. Lec. 3, Cr. 3 Prerequisite: Admission to MA or MAIS program. Lec. 3, Cr.3

### HIST 6390 Research Seminar

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### HIST 7300 Thesis Research and Writing

Independent thesis research and writing. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: Completed HIST 6390 and at least 15 credit hours in the history graduate program. Lec. 3, Cr. 3