

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/history/graduate-programs/master-of-arts-in-history/>

The Department of Social Science and Historical Studies' mission to provide global citizens with a multicultural view of the past resonates with graduate course offerings that emphasize the historical experiences of women, men, and children of varied races, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds. In addition, the department's graduate program in history challenges students to further develop critical and analytical thinking skills through close interaction with primary source materials and historiographic interpretation.

We also have an M.A. in History with an Emphasis in Public History (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/history/public-history-ma/>).

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Solid writing and compositional skills. The M.A. in History develops this skill by requiring students to engage in clear, persuasive, grammatically, and stylistically correct writing projects (primarily although not exclusively research papers).
2. Evaluate new or contradictory points of view. The M.A. in History develops these skills by requiring students to take a class in Historiography/research and methods which demands that students critically analyze and interpret different historical narratives of events.
3. Work independently on projects. The M.A. in History develops this skill by requiring all students to complete an independent, original piece of scholarship in the form of a Master's thesis or professional paper.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

30-39 semester credit hours (SCH) minimum with at least 21 SCH of course work in the major.

Students will take at least 9 SCH in U.S. history and 3 SCH in non-U.S. history. Students are encouraged to distribute the 9 U.S. history SCH

across the following fields: 17th or 18th century US history, 19th century U.S. history, and U.S. history since 1900.

Thesis Option

Minimum of 30 semester credit hours, including 6 SCH for the thesis.

Code	Title	SCHs
U.S. History		
Choose three of the following		9
HIST 5003	Studies in 19th Century U.S	
HIST 5093	Women in Early America	
HIST 5123	Religion in an Atlantic World, 1450-1776	
HIST 5193	Seminar in Native American History	
HIST 5243	Seminar on Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 5263	Material Culture in Early America	
HIST 5303	Progressives	
HIST 5403	American Experience in World War II	
HIST 5503	Between the Wars	
HIST 5573	Women in Early America	
HIST 5703	U.S. Since 1945	
Non-U.S. History		
Choose one of the following		3
HIST 5103	Renaissance and Reformations	
HIST 5253	History of France	
HIST 5273	Seminar in Caribbean History	
HIST 5563	Slavery in the Americas	
HIST 5883	Seminar in European History	
HIST 5903	Special Topics (Can be used for any category depending on the subject.)	
Electives		
Nine SCH can be chosen from any of the classes listed above plus		9
HIST 5803	Oral History Methodology	
HIST 5813	Methods in Public History	
HIST 5913	Independent Study	
HIST 5933	Internship	
or HIST 5936 Internship		
HIST 5853	Seminar in Public History	
Required Courses		
HIST 5033	Research Methods in History	3
HIST 5983	Thesis	3
HIST 5993	Thesis	3
Total SCHs		30

Professional Paper/Project Option

Minimum of 36 semester credit hours, including 3 SCH for the professional paper/project.

Code	Title	SCHs
U.S. History		
Choose three of the following		9
HIST 5003	Studies in 19th Century U.S	
HIST 5093	Women in Early America	
HIST 5123	Religion in an Atlantic World, 1450-1776	

HIST 5193	Seminar in Native American History	
HIST 5243	Seminar on Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 5263	Material Culture in Early America	
HIST 5303	Progressives	
HIST 5403	American Experience in World War II	
HIST 5503	Between the Wars	
HIST 5573	Women in Early America	
HIST 5703	U.S. Since 1945	
Non-U.S. history		
Choose one of the following		3
HIST 5103	Renaissance and Reformations	
HIST 5253	History of France	
HIST 5273	Seminar in Caribbean History	
HIST 5563	Slavery in the Americas	
HIST 5883	Seminar in European History	
HIST 5903	Special Topics (Can be used for any category depending on the subject.)	
Electives		
18 SCH can be chosen from any of the classes listed above plus		18
HIST 5803	Oral History Methodology	
HIST 5813	Methods in Public History	
HIST 5853	Seminar in Public History	
HIST 5911	Independent Study	
HIST 5913	Independent Study	
HIST 5933	Internship	
	or HIST 5936 Internship	
Required Courses		
HIST 5033	Research Methods in History	3
HIST 5973	Professional Paper/Project	3
Total SCHs		36

M.A. in History with Graduate Certificate in Political Science

Couples 21 semester credit hours (SCH) of graduate study in history with 18 SCH of graduate study in political science. Graduates of the certificate program write a professional paper/project and receive an M.A. in History but earn a certificate in political science and have enough graduate hours to teach in both history and political science in Texas community colleges.

Minimum of 39 semester credit hours, including 3 SCH for the professional paper/project.

Code	Title	SCHs
U.S. History		
Choose three of the following		9
HIST 5003	Studies in 19th Century U.S	
HIST 5093	Women in Early America	
HIST 5123	Religion in an Atlantic World, 1450-1776	
HIST 5193	Seminar in Native American History	
HIST 5243	Seminar on Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 5263	Material Culture in Early America	
HIST 5303	Progressives	
HIST 5403	American Experience in World War II	

HIST 5503	Between the Wars	
HIST 5573	Women in Early America	
HIST 5703	U.S. Since 1945	
Non-U.S. history		
Choose one of the following		3
HIST 5103	Renaissance and Reformations	
HIST 5253	History of France	
HIST 5273	Seminar in Caribbean History	
HIST 5563	Slavery in the Americas	
HIST 5883	Seminar in European History	
HIST 5903	Special Topics (Can be used for any category depending on the subject.)	
Electives		
One elective can be chosen from any of the classes listed above plus		3
HIST 5803	Oral History Methodology	
HIST 5813	Methods in Public History	
HIST 5853	Seminar in Public History	
HIST 5911	Independent Study	
HIST 5913	Independent Study	
HIST 5933	Internship	
Required Courses		
HIST 5033	Research Methods in History	3
HIST 5973	Professional Paper/Project	3
Graduate Certificate in Political Science		
POLS 5033	Research Methods in Government	3
U.S. Politics & Public Policy - Choose one of the following		3
POLS 5023	State and Local Politics	
POLS 5043	Seminar in American Politics	
POLS 5063	America's National Parks and Public Lands: History, Culture, and Law	
POLS 5083	Popular Culture and American Politics	
POLS 5153	Seminar in Public Policy	
Global Politics & Theory - Choose one of the following		3
POLS 5003	Comparative Politics	
POLS 5313	Dilemmas in Immigration Policy	
POLS 5523	American International Relations	
POLS 5723	Seminar in Political Theory	
Gender & Politics - Choose one of the following		3
POLS 5093	Law, Gender, and Sexuality	
POLS 5133	Leadership and Women	
POLS 5163	Women in Politics	
POLS 5183	Women of Color in Politics	
POLS 5263	Women, Elections, and Strategy	
One elective can be chosen from any of the classes listed above plus		6
POLS 5903	Special Topics (can be used for any category depending on the subject.)	
POLS 5911	Independent Study	
POLS 5913	Independent Study	
POLS 5933	Internship	

Capstone written portfolio and oral defense

Total SCHs

39

Minor

Optional. All minors must be approved by the student's graduate committee and must include at least 6 semester credit hours.

Special Requirement

No grade lower than B can be counted toward meeting the minimum number of semester credit hours required. Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Political Science will complete and defend a portfolio that describes their course work and research in political science.

Final Examination

An oral defense of the thesis or professional paper/project is required.