

History

Master of Arts

The department of History offers a program leading to the Master of Arts degree. The M.Ed. degree is also available for students who wish to complete an Education degree with an area of concentration in History. See the M.Ed. requirements in the Degree Requirements section for further information. The program advisor for the M.Ed. will be in the Department of History, but, if you plan to take this option, you should also consult an advisor in the College of Education and Human Development. Some Teaching Assistantships, providing stipends and waivers of tuition, are available. Applications for assistantships should be submitted by March 1, but later applications will be considered.

Admission Requirements

1. A four-year bachelor's degree from a recognized college or university.
2. Undergraduate preparation of a minimum of 20 semester credits in history with at least six credits at the upper division level.
3. An overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 and at least 3.25 in all undergraduate history courses.
4. A writing sample of 8-10 pages, preferably a research or seminar paper (submitted directly to the department's Director of Graduate Study).
5. A minimum TOEFL Score of 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test, or for the Internet based TOEFL, a composite score of 79, with minimum scores of 21/30 (Speaking*); 19/30 (Listening); 19/30 (Reading); and 17/30 (Writing) for applicants whose native language is not English. Applicants may also meet language requirements by presenting IETLS scores of 6.5. *Applicants being considered for Graduate Teaching Assistantships must achieve these minimum TOEFL scores, but have a minimum score of 26/30 on the Speaking subtest.
6. Students who have received a bachelor's degree or higher from the United States or English-speaking Canada are not required to submit the TOEFL.

Degree Requirements

Students seeking the Master of Arts degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements of the Graduate School as well as requirements of the History Department.

1. A total of 30 credits including 21 in either United States or European history and 9 credits in: a) a field of history not included in the primary concentration, such as United States or European History, or b) a minor in a related discipline such as Communications, English, Geography, or Sociology, or c) a cognate as defined in the Degree Requirement section of this catalog.
2. Research seminars, either 511 or 515.
3. At least one readings course, either 593 or 594.
4. History 502, Historiography, counted as three credits in the major concentration.
5. Six credits of Thesis 998. Students in the M.A. program should consider taking the Public History courses, 480 and 481, and some work in records management; or geography, including cartography; or journalism; to increase employment opportunities.

Faculty and Areas of Expertise

- **Albert I. Berger, Ph.D.**, 20th Century, U.S. Military; U.S. Foreign Relations
- **Hans Broedel, Ph.D.**, Early Modern European Intellectual History
- **Eric Burin, Ph.D.**, African-American; U.S. South; Antebellum America; Civil War and Reconstruction; Comparative Slavery
- **Caroline Campbell, Ph.D.**, Modern France; 20th-Century European Women and Gender; Nationalisms
- **William Caraher, Ph.D.**, Ancient World; Greece
- **Gordon L. Iseminger, Ph.D.**, Modern Europe; Victorian England
- **Anne Kelsch, Ph.D.**, European Women's History; European Social History; Modern Britain
- **James D. Mochoruk, Ph.D.**, Canada; Northern Development; British Empire and Commonwealth
- **Kimberly K. Porter, Ph.D.**, North Dakota; Agriculture; late 19th and 20th century U.S.; Oral History
- **Cynthia Prescott, Ph.D.**, American Women, American West
- **Ty M. Reese, Ph.D., Graduate Program Director**, Atlantic World; Slave Trade; Comparative History

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