HISTORY, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

**Requirement Detail**

- **Minimum Credit Requirement:** 51 credits
- **Minimum Residence Credit Requirement:** 32 credits
- **Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement:** 26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/.
- **Overall GPA Required:** 3.25 GPA required.

**Assessments and Examinations**

In order to receive the History PhD, all students must pass the preliminary exam and the PhD dissertation defense.

- **Preliminary Examination:** Each field of study has its own exact requirements for prelims, but all include written exams and an oral defense of the student’s research proposal and knowledge of the field.
- **PhD Dissertation Defense:** Two-hour oral exam focusing on the student’s written dissertation.

**Language Requirements**

- The history department requires all students to demonstrate, at a minimum, reading knowledge of at least one language other than English. The fields of study may set additional requirements, and each field determines which languages may be used to satisfy its requirement.

**Graduate School Breadth Requirement**

All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

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<td>History in a Global Perspective</td>
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<td>HISTORY 800</td>
<td>Research Seminar in History (or an equivalent research seminar in the student’s field of study)</td>
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**Electives**

Work with advisor to complete 26 credits of graduate-level courses.

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**Graduate School Breadth**

9 credits

**Language Requirement**

Students must complete any additional language requirements specific to their field of study prior to taking the preliminary examination.

**Research**

After passing the preliminary examination, students register for the following course each semester until they deposit their dissertation.

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<td>Research and Thesis</td>
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**Total Credits**

51

1 Alternative course options: HISTORY 855 Seminar in Japanese History for students studying East Asian History, HISTORY 861 Seminar-The History of Africa for students studying African History.

Students are also recommended to take HISTORY 999 Independent Work and HISTORY 710 Professional Development Seminar.

**Recommendations for Doctoral Minor Study**

**African History**

The minor field requirement is normally met by interdisciplinary training in African Studies, comprising three courses (9 credits) in two fields other
than History. Students already grounded in African studies may, in close consultation with their major professor, choose an alternative minor.

**Gender & Women's History**
Students must follow the minor requirements of their primary field of study and are encouraged to include courses emphasizing women, gender, or sexuality, bearing in mind that no course in the students’ major area of study may be used to meet the minor requirement.

**Latin American and Caribbean History**
The minor field requirement consists of at least nine credits of interdisciplinary training in Latin American and Iberian Studies divided between two fields other than History.