

Master of Arts in History

Who takes this program?

- K-12 teachers for whom a master's degree offers greater job mobility and/or opportunities.
- Individuals with a legal background, including practicing attorneys.
- Students preparing for further professional or graduate training.
- Students interested in public history (employment in museums, archives, etc.)
- Fewer than 50% of graduate history students have an undergraduate degree in history. The majority have backgrounds in English, communications, and political science.

How does the program work?

- Majority of course are stand-alone graduate seminars offered in a traditional face-to-face format.
- Hybrid and online courses are offered at least once per academic year.
- Thesis or non-thesis options.
- Coursework is designed to develop professional research and writing skills.

How will this degree benefit me?

Students pursuing careers in education will find that the Masters Degree in History opens doors to administrative positions as well those involving the teaching of dual-credit courses.

Students who subsequently have gone on to law school or doctoral programs, for their part, confirm that the program's research and writing demands left them very well prepared for the expectations they encountered at the next level.

The Master of Arts in History similarly has proven successful in preparing students for government and business jobs that involve professional research and/or communication skills.

What courses will I take?

- One three-hours course in the methods and philosophy of history.
- Remainder of the program of study can be tailored to the student's particular scholarly interests.
- Up to 12 hours may be taken in a minor field of study either within the department or in a related academic discipline.

What sets this program apart from other programs?

West Texas A&M University's graduate program in History combines the best elements of both large and small schools. Our faculty includes experts in European, U.S., Asian, and Latin American History, and provides students with a wide range of research and study options. By the same token, the program remains small enough to benefit from a level of flexibility atypical of larger institutions and programs.

Admission Criteria and Application Guidelines

Full Admission

- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores in the 50th percentile or higher in one or more categories (verbal, quantitative, analytical writing)
- A writing sample or a two-to-three page typed essay over a topic selected by the history graduate advisor

Deadline to Apply

- Fall admission: August 1
- Spring admission: December 1
- Summer admission: May 1

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