

# HISTORY

## MASTER OF ARTS

The Department of History offers a program leading to the Master of Arts degree designed to assist in the preparation of professional historians and teachers at all levels. The graduate program seeks to provide in-depth training in a major field of concentration, and more general knowledge in two minor fields. In addition, the program seeks to enhance the student's skills in methodology and criticism while inculcating a sense of historical professionalism. Designed to meet the needs of both part-time and full-time students, graduate seminars are offered in the evening.

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### Admission Requirements

- An undergraduate major in a recognized discipline. Non-history majors may be required to make up deficiencies in historical background before being admitted to degree candidacy, and all applicants for candidacy must demonstrate basic acquaintance with historical methodology and research techniques.
- A 2.7 (4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average in undergraduate coursework
- A satisfactory score on the GRE General Test Package #1
- Two current letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic or professional work
- A writing sample (preferably a primary source based research paper)

### Honorary Society

- Eta Alpha Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honorary Society
- Major field – Thesis (six hours) plus nine hours coursework, six at the 500 level

### Full Time Faculty

- **Matthew P. Berg, Ph.D.** (The University of Chicago). Modern Europe, Germany, Human Rights.
- **Daniel P. Kilbride, Ph.D.** (University of Florida). Chair. U.S., Ante-Bellum, Civil War and Reconstruction, African-American.
- **Robert J. Kolesar, Ph.D.** (Clark University). U.S. Politics, Labor, Immigration.
- **James H. Krukones, Ph.D.** (University of Wisconsin-Madison). Russia, Soviet Union, East Europe.
- **Anne Kugler, Ph.D.** (University of Michigan). Britain and France, European Social, Women.
- **Malia McAndrew, Ph.D.** (University of Maryland). U.S. since Civil War, Social, Women, African-American, Africa.
- **Maria N. Marsilli, Ph.D.** (Emory University). Latin American history.
- **Paul V. Murphy, Ph.D.** (University of Toronto). Renaissance, Reformation Europe.
- **Roger W. Purdy, Ph.D.** (University of California – Santa Barbara). Japan, East Asia.
- **David W. Robson, Ph.D.** (Yale University). Early American to 1815, U.S. Constitutional.

### Course Programs

Plan A: Thesis plus 24 hours  
(required for Ph.D. preparation)

- Two minor fields – 15 hours coursework, nine at the 500 level
- Final examination

- Demonstrated reading knowledge of one modern foreign language
- Plan B: 30 hours plus research essay
- Major field – research essay plus 15 hours coursework, nine at the 500 level (for those students involved in teaching, the essay may apply the student’s fields of study to the secondary school classroom).
  - Two minor field – 15 hours coursework, nine at the 500 level
  - Final examination

16<sup>th</sup> Century European Thinkers, German Absolutism to World War I, European Racism, Japan in War and Peace, Russian-American Relations, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in the U.S., American Immigration, Slavery and Abolition in the Ante-bellum U.S.

- Interested students may construct a minor field in public history

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- The University’s Office of Admissions and Financial Aid offers assistance on student loans.

### Placement

Since 1995, M.A. recipients have earned doctorates at Indiana, Ohio State, St. Louis, Northern Illinois, and Case Western Reserve Universities, among others.

Cleveland State University, The Western Reserve Historical Society, The Great Lakes Historical Society, and a large number of area high schools employ our M.A. recipients.

### Course Offerings

- Students determine fields of study in conjunction with their advisors
- A list of 400 and 500 level courses may be found in the Graduate School Bulletin and on the History Department Web site
- Graduate seminars in recent years have treated such topics as:

### Financial Assistance

- A limited number of graduate assistantships are available. Graduate assistants are given a tuition waiver for 15 credit hours per year plus a stipend. Students are expected to spend 20 hours per week working for the Department. Graduate assistants aid professors with courses and research. For more information see The Graduate School