

Department of History
Master of Arts in History
Plan A: Liberal Arts

Student's Name:
Date of Admission:

Adviser:

I. Required History Courses (21 credits at the 500-level or higher) Date Completed _____
HIST501 Historical Methods: Historiography _____
Select four Reading Seminars, two in thesis field, one each in two different non-thesis fields
HIST511 and HIST512 (United States) Reading Seminar _____
HIST520 and HIST521 (Europe) Reading Seminar _____
HIST530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 539 _____
Non-Western Reading Seminar _____
(Africa, Latin America, Middle East, Asia, South Asia, World Environmental)

HIST611(United States) or 621 (Europe) Research Seminar (in thesis field) _____
HIST500-600 level _____

Courses to be chosen in consultation with adviser

II. Elective Courses (6-12 credits)
A. HIST300-600 level course/s (3 credits minimum,)
Course: _____

B. Non-HIST300-600 level course/s (3 credits minimum)
Course: _____

III. Thesis (3-6 credits maximum)

HIST699 _____

IV. Foreign Language _____

Fulfilled by Examination _____
Fulfilled by Course _____

V. Final Master's Written Examination _____

VI. Thesis Title
(Note: A bound copy of the thesis must be filed with the Chair of the Department)

VII. Final Master's Oral Examination or Thesis Defense _____

VIII. Total Minimum Credits Required 33 cr.

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Admission Requirements

1. All Graduate School requirements as stated in the current Colorado State University (CSU) *Graduate and Professional Bulletin*.
2. Minimum of 21 credits in history.
3. Grade point average in history of 3.0 (B).
4. Grade point average in undergraduate classes and any other classes of 3.0 (B).
5. In exceptional cases, provisional admission will be considered for applicants with less than the required credits or grade point average.
6. The general test of the Graduate Record Examination.
7. Brief personal statement outlining the applicant's interest in graduate study in history.
8. Three letters of reference, at least two from academics familiar with the applicant's work in history.

Degree Requirements

1. Minimum of 33 semester credits. The Department strongly recommends that the program span four semesters.
2. For the Plan A: Liberal Arts Concentration, 21 credits in courses at the 500 level or higher, 18 credits of which must be in "regular courses." The Department of History subscribes to the University policy that a student's graduate program consists primarily of "regular course work."
3. HIST501 (Historical Method: Historiography).
4. Two reading courses not in thesis field, two in thesis field (HIST511, 512, 520, 521, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 539) and one research seminar (HIST611 or 621) in the thesis field.
5. One 500-600 level elective.
6. Thesis (3-6 credits). Note: A bound copy of the thesis must be filed with the Chair of the Department).
7. 6-12 elective credits at 300-600 level, at least 3 credits HIST, at least 3 credits non-HIST.
8. Foreign language.
9. Graduate Advisory Committee (GAC) must be formed immediately after completing 12 credits, or by the end of the second term of enrollment as a graduate student (whichever occurs first). Please refer to "Departmental and University Regulations, Master of Arts in History" at the History Department's web site (<http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Hist/gradregulations.htm>) for detailed information about the GAC.
10. Final written and oral examinations during the semester in which a graduate student applies for graduation.
11. All other current Graduate School requirements.

Foreign Language Requirement

The Master of Arts, Plan A degree in the Department of History at Colorado State University requires reading knowledge of a foreign language appropriate for the student's historical studies. Such knowledge may be demonstrated in one of the following ways:

1. A test involving translation of one or more passages from the selected language into English. The use of a dictionary is permitted for a written translation. Passages may be chosen by a faculty member of the Colorado State University Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures or, if appropriate, by a faculty member in the Department of History. Upon satisfactory completion, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures will forward a memorandum to the Department of History attesting to the student's linguistic proficiency.
2. A grade of B or better in a language reading course (L 120) designed for graduate students. If in a given semester there are insufficient requests for a graduate reading class, an acceptable alternative would be completion of an independent study course with a foreign language instructor.
3. A grade of B or better (for all semesters) in a college language course at the second-year level (L

- 200 series) or above.
4. A grade of B or better in an upper-division course offered by the Colorado State University Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures on the culture and literature associated with the language selected (L 300, L 400 series). The work in this course must be primarily in the foreign language, not in English.
 5. A grade of B or better in a fourth semester (2nd year) college level language course at another academic institution.
 6. A student whose native language is not English may use her/ his native language to satisfy the requirement. In accordance with Colorado State University policy, the student will, however, be required to demonstrate his/her proficiency in the English language by means of the TOEFL exam.

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