Graduate Studies in History

The Department of History offers both a Master of Arts in History (M.A.) and a Master of Arts in History Teaching (M.A.H.T.) The M.A. includes an optional concentration in International Relations. The graduate program in history provides intensive training in the literature of the field, historical research, and writing. The American Historical Association ranked UNO's Master's program in history among the top 20 in the nation in sending its graduate students on to successful completion of Ph.D. programs at top research universities. In addition, our history program provides intensive training for history and social studies teachers in secondary schools as well as rigorous historical study for those in nonacademic professions and those already working in the historical field.

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Department of History Concentration in Public History (MA)



A variation of the standard curriculum, this concentration in public history is available to students interested in the practice and presentation of history for a public audience. This concentration does not preclude pursuit of a doctorate in history, but it is designed to provide history students with the opportunity to use New Orleans as a laboratory in which to develop skills for work in museums, historic sites, archives and other public venues. The curriculum for this concentration combines history coursework with courses in the theory and practice of public history and a three-hour internship at a local museum, archive or library. Students in this concentration must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours in one of two tracks, culminating with a thesis and a comprehensive oral examination.

Local and Community History Track

This track allows students to focus on local and community history. In addition to other coursework, students will be placed in an internship position at a local institution with the help of the internship coordinator. It allows experience in the collection, identification, preservation, and use of historical materials, including documents, interviews, material culture and the arts.

Required Courses

- HIST 6001 Historical Research & Writing
- One proseminar-seminar sequence from the following: HIST 6501-6502, HIST 6601-6602, or HIST 6803-6804
- Hist 6008 Introduction to Public History
- Hist 4008G Public History Methods
- Hist 4603G Research in New Orleans History
- Hist 6992 Public History Internship
- Approved electives (6 hours) at the 4000G or 6000 level
- Hist 7000 Thesis Research

Military History Track

This track allows students to focus on international, modern military history. In addition to other course work, students will be placed in an internship position at a local historical museum or site with the help of the internship coordinator.

Required courses

- HIST 6001 Historical Research & Writing
- One proseminar-seminar sequence from the following: HIST 6501-6502, HIST 6601-6602, or HIST 6803-6804
- Hist 6008 Introduction to Public History
- Hist 4008G Public History Methods
- Hist 4003G Modern Military History
- Hist 4565G U.S. Military History
- Hist 6992 Public History Internship
- Approved electives (3 hours) at the 4000G or 6000level
- Hist 7000 Thesis Research