DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Graduate Programs in History

The Department of History at CSU chooses a select group of students each year for its Master of Arts program in History and in Public History. Earning an M.A. in History at CSU is a step toward any number of exciting future paths including:

- A successful career in public history working for Federal or state agencies, in consulting, for non-profits and communities, and more. Our concentration in Cultural Resource Management & Historic Preservation is nationally renowned and has a high job placement rate.
- Advancing the careers and deepening the knowledge base of social studies and history teachers.
- Pursuing a Ph.D. in a field in which our faculty has expertise. We have a considerable concentration of established historians who study U.S. History, Public History, and Environmental History.

We offer three programs of study in which students can earn their M.A.:

- Write a thesis on Plan A
- Earn your degree without a thesis on Plan B
- Specialize in Cultural Resource Management & Historic Preservation.

Regardless of the program of study students select, they will work closely with one another and with the department’s faculty mentors. Our department is committed to high-quality mentoring and to providing hands-on experience through internships, service-learning projects, and paid research positions at the Public Lands History Center. Although our curriculum is geographically based, the content of our graduate seminars explores themes of gender & sexuality, class, race & ethnicity, environment, and more. Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin and the Department of History website.

Programs of Study

- Master of Arts in History, Plan A, Liberal Arts Specialization
- Master of Arts in History, Plan B, Liberal Arts Specialization
- Master of Arts in History, Plan B, Public History Specialization, Cultural Resource Management & Historic Preservation Option
- Master of Arts in History, Plan B, Public History Specialization, Museum Studies Option (No new students are being accepted to this program of study.)