

# MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY, PLAN A, LIBERAL ARTS SPECIALIZATION

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The Master of Arts in History, Plan A, Liberal Arts Specialization offers students the opportunity to write an original thesis. Working closely with a faculty mentor in one of our department's areas of expertise (for example, U.S. history, environmental history, public history), students on Plan A conduct archival research to author an original piece of scholarship. Coursework on Plan A, and in all of our programs of study, is based in small seminars and stresses historiography, research methods, and hands-on experience.

The Plan A program of study requires proficiency in a language other than English. This requirement can be met through an exam or through coursework.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.

## Learning Objectives

Students who successfully complete the program will:

1. Develop historical research questions and conduct historical synthesis, analysis, and interpretation using primary and secondary source research.
2. Develop the critical reading, speaking, and writing skills essential to professional historical practice.
3. Define historical narratives and develop both breadth and depth of knowledge in the historiography of chosen fields of study.
4. Conduct archival research to author an original piece of scholarship.
5. Practice historical methods in various settings, which may include academic, applied, and/or public.