

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY, PLAN B, LIBERAL ARTS SPECIALIZATION



The Master of Arts in History, Plan B, Liberal Arts Specialization is a rigorous degree plan based in coursework and internships, but which does not require a thesis or foreign language proficiency test. This program of study is especially appropriate for those desiring to pursue studies in general public history, employment in secondary education (licensure may be required), or those who do not want to pursue further advanced degrees.

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 B complete coursework and are encouraged to pursue internships or practicums. Coursework on Plan B, and in all of our programs of study, is based in small seminars and stresses historiography, research methods, and hands-on experience.

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. Practice historical methods in various settings, which may include academic, applied, and/or public.

Requirements Effective Fall 2023

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses in Historical Methods and Practice:		
HIST 501	Historical Method: Historiography	3
HIST 579	Professional Development Seminar	1
Reading Seminars (select five courses from the following):²		15

HIST 511	Reading Seminar: U.S. to 1877	
HIST 512	Reading Seminar: U.S. Since 1877	
HIST 516	Reading Seminar--Public History	
HIST 520	Reading Seminar-Europe to 1815	
HIST 521	Reading Seminar-Europe Since 1815	
HIST 530	Reading Seminar: Africa	
HIST 531	Reading Seminar: Latin America	
HIST 532	Reading Seminar: Middle East	
HIST 533	Reading Seminar: East Asia	
HIST 534	Reading Seminar: South Asia	
HIST 539	Reading Seminar--World Environmental History	
Research Seminars: (select two courses from the following):		6
HIST 611	Research Seminar: United States	
HIST 621	Research Seminar--International	
HIST 640	Research Seminar--Public History	
Electives²		9
Portfolio and Oral Exam		
Program Total Credits:		34

A minimum of 34 credits are required to complete this program.

¹ At least one course should be U.S., and one course should be non-U.S. Select the remaining in consultation with advisor.

² HIST and non-HIST subject code courses numbered 300-699. At least 3 credits must be non-HIST.

Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

Step	Due Date
1. Application for admission (online)	Six months before first registration
2. Diagnostic examination when required	Before first registration
3. Appointment of advisor	Before first registration
4. Selection of graduate committee	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)	Two terms prior to final examination

7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD)	Within two working days after results are known
8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)	When change is made
9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)	Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying
10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee	At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee
11. Final examination	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24)	Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
13. Submit a signed Thesis/ Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/ dissertation	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website.
14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
15. Graduation	Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website