

MASTER OF ARTS

HISTORY

The Master of Arts in History program at Arkansas Tech University is designed to provide advanced historical study for students who plan eventually to pursue the doctoral degree in history as well as for those who intend to pursue careers in teaching, law, journalism, business, government, public service, or the private sector. The program offers graduate education directed by faculty members with strong teaching and research backgrounds, each holding advanced degrees from noted universities. While the department has a strong commitment to excellence in teaching, its professors are also active in research and scholarship. The graduate faculty members maintain a supportive academic environment that enables them to interact closely with the graduate students.

Students are eligible to apply for unconditional admission to the Master of Arts degree program in History if they meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must meet the admission requirements for Graduate College.
2. Applicants must have a minimum of 24 semester hours in history at the undergraduate level.
3. Applicants must have an overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.

An applicant who does not satisfy the grade point requirement or who has not completed 24 hours of undergraduate work in history is also eligible for admission under these conditions. In some instances, transcripts may be judged to be deficient and the student may be required to complete up to thirty undergraduate hours in addition to graduate credits required for the degree. If a cumulative 3.00 grade point average is achieved at the completion of twelve graduate hours, the student will be granted unconditional admission. The nature of the deficiency requirements will be determined by the History Graduate Program Director.

The director of the graduate program in history will assign a faculty advisor to each student admitted to the degree program. The faculty advisor will specialize in the general field of the student's interest, and will assist the student in the design of a curriculum of study that leads to the fulfillment of degree requirements. Eventually, the student will be encouraged to select an advisor in a specific concentration, who will help the student prepare for the thesis or comprehensive exams. The faculty advisor, the History Graduate Committee, and the Graduate College monitor the student's progress as he/she progresses through the program. It remains, however, the student's responsibility to understand and satisfy all degree requirements.

Areas of Concentration

The Master of Arts in History program at Arkansas Tech has been designed to offer primary areas of concentration in Modern European History and United States History.

Students must seek a secondary area of concentration in either Modern European History, United States History, World History or Public History.

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Unconditional Admission

Conditional Admission

Academic Advisors

Admission to Candidacy

Students who have been granted conditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy for the degree upon the completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better and completion of all deficiencies. Students who have been granted unconditional admission are eligible for admission to candidacy upon completion of twelve hours with a 3.00 grade point average or better. Students who do not submit an "Application for Admission to Candidacy" prior to the end of the semester in which the student becomes eligible will not be allowed to register for subsequent graduate classes.

Degree Requirements

Option I: Thesis Option

The student seeking the Master of Arts degree in History under the Thesis Option must complete the following:

1. A minimum of 30 hours in history at the graduate level (5000-6000) with no more than 9 hours of 5000-level courses considered toward the completion of degree.
2. The satisfactory completion of HIST 6003 Historical Methods and HIST 6053 Historiography.
3. The satisfactory completion of 12 hours in the primary core field, including 6 hours each in Readings and Seminar courses in the area of concentration.
4. The satisfactory completion of 6 hours in the secondary area of concentration, including 3 hours in a reading course.
5. The satisfactory completion of 6 hours of HIST 6993 Thesis Research.
6. All course work must be completed within six years of admission to the degree program.
7. The successful completion of an oral defense of the completed thesis. Candidates will receive additional information on the oral defense from the Program Director upon admission to candidacy.

In addition to the above requirements, the Master of Arts in History, Thesis Option requires that:

8. No more than 6 hours of HIST 6891-4 Independent Study be counted toward the degree;
9. No more than two course grades of "C" be considered acceptable during the student's program, and no grade lower than "C" be considered toward completion of the required course work; and
10. Thesis hours must earn a grade no lower than "B".

Option II: Non-Thesis Option

The student seeking the Master of Arts degree in History under the Non-Thesis Option must successfully complete the following:

1. A minimum of 30 hours of history at the graduate level (5000-6000) with no more than 9 hours of 5000-level courses considered toward the completion of degree.
- *2. The satisfactory completion of HIST 6003 Historical Methods and HIST 6053 Historiography.

3. The satisfactory completion of 15 hours in the primary core field, including 6 hours each in Readings and Seminar courses in the area of concentration.
4. The satisfactory completion of 9 hours in the secondary area of concentration, including 3 hours each in Readings and Seminar courses in the secondary area of concentration.
5. All course work must be completed within six years of admission to the degree program.
6. Successful completion of written comprehensive examinations on the completed course work. Comprehensive examinations will be comprised of two written exams in the primary area of concentration and one in the secondary area of concentration. Candidates will receive additional information from the Program Director upon admission to candidacy.

In addition to the above requirements, the Master of Arts in History, Non-Thesis Option requires that:

7. No more than 6 hours of HIST 6891-4 Independent Study be counted toward the degree; and
8. No more than two course grades of “C” be considered acceptable during the student’s program, and no grade lower than “C” be considered toward completion of the required course work.

A maximum of **six** semester hours of graduate credit with a grade point average of “B” or better may be transferred from an accredited graduate school if deemed appropriate to the graduate program by the head of the student’s major department and the Dean of Graduate College. Students must send a written request to the head of their major department to petition an acceptance of the transfer credit prior to requesting admission to candidacy to the graduate program. Graduate credit earned six years prior to the completion date of all degree requirements may not be applied toward the degree without the approval of the appropriate program director and the Dean of Graduate College. Credits earned by correspondence courses or for remedial purposes will not apply toward the graduate degree. No undergraduate course may be repeated for graduate credit.

If after admission to graduate study, a student wishes to take a course at another institution to count toward degree requirements at Arkansas Tech University, the student must (in advance of enrollment) obtain written approval from the program director and the Dean of Graduate College.

**Special Conditions of
Graduate Credit
Graduate Credit Taken
Prior to Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**

**Graduate Credit Taken
After Admission to
Arkansas Tech University**