

HISTORY (MA)

The MA in History offers students the opportunity to explore the breadth and depth of the Historical Discipline. Students take a total of 12 courses, with all students taking History 421 "The Historical Discipline." Students may enter the program in Autumn, Winter, or Spring.

The MA in History may also be expanded to include select graduate certificate programs covering particular areas of interest. Students participating in a combined MA/certificate program should consult with their academic advisor to determine what coursework might count toward both programs. A separate application process for the certificate is required. Students who are interested in any of the following combination programs should contact the Graduate Student Services Office for additional information.

- History + Digital Humanities Certificate
- History + Women's and Gender Studies Certificate

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Degree Requirements	48
Total hours required	48

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Evaluate the breadth and complexity of the discipline of history.
- Compare and differentiate the range of topics historians explore.
- Apply and interpret the variety of methodologies historians employ.
- Identify, analyze, and evaluate historical arguments effectively.
- Communicate, in writing and orally, complex historical, historiographical, and methodological issues effectively.

Degree Requirements

Course Requirements

All students need to complete 12 courses (48 hours) of graduate-level work for the MA from the list of courses below. These courses share the programmatic focus of the curriculum in their emphasis on historiography and historical thinking toward preparing students for a wide variety of professions. Note that the colloquium courses listed below have subtitles identifying the specific topics to be addressed – for example, HST 431 COLLOQUIUM IN AMERICAN HISTORY: The New Deal. As long as the topics of colloquium courses are different (as reflected by their subtitles), students may take them more than once. The scheduling of colloquium courses is designed to provide students with a global perspective as part of their MA training. With the permission of the Graduate Director, students may substitute up to 2 courses (8 hours) of Independent Study (HST 497) or Graduate Internship (HST 492). In addition, upon consultation with the Graduate Director and with their approval, students may count up to 2 courses (8 hours) from another DePaul graduate program toward the History MA.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
HST 421	THE HISTORICAL DISCIPLINE	4
HST 422	SEMINAR IN PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS	4
HST 431	COLLOQUIUM IN AMERICAN HISTORY	4
HST 432	COLLOQUIUM IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY	4

HST 433	COLLOQUIUM IN AFRICAN HISTORY	4
HST 434	COLLOQUIUM IN ASIAN HISTORY	4
HST 435	COLLOQUIUM IN EUROPEAN HISTORY	4
HST 436	COLLOQUIUM IN ISLAMIC HISTORY	4
HST 437	COLLOQUIUM IN WORLD HISTORY	4
HST 438	COLLOQUIUM: SPECIAL TOPICS IN HISTORY	4

With the permission of the Graduate Director, students may substitute up to eight quarter hours of Independent Study or Graduate Internship for two colloquia.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
HST 492	GRADUATE INTERNSHIP	4
HST 497	INDEPENDENT STUDY	4

In addition, upon consultation with the Graduate Director and with his/her approval, students may count up to eight quarter hours from another DePaul graduate program toward their MA. Such courses would reduce the number of required colloquia by two.

Student Handbook

Probation and Dismissal

A graduate student goes on probation when his/her graduate GPA falls below 3.0. If the GPA goes under 3.0, the student will have one quarter in which to raise it. At the end of this quarter, if the student has failed to bring his/her GPA back up to 3.0, the student may be dismissed and prohibited from registering for additional coursework.

Conduct

Faculty retain the right to define and enforce appropriate etiquette for the promotion of collegiality and civility. Instructors have the right to remove any offender(s) from the classroom. In cases of serious or repeated misconduct, the program director in consultation with the instructor and the chairperson may remove the student(s) from a course and/or the graduate program.

Conditional Admission

In some cases, strong candidates who have not completed the REQUIRED undergraduate credit hours in history and/or students who have not yet demonstrated their strengths in the field may be considered for conditional admission. Students admitted in this category may only take one course (HST 421) during the Autumn quarter. A student who passes HST 421 with a grade of B or above may then continue in the program but must receive grades of B or above in the next two graduate colloquia that he or she attempts. If the student does NOT receive a B or above in EACH of these three classes, he or she must leave the program.

Readmission

If a student is dismissed from the program, he or she may be reapply through the formal application process. All students considering applying for readmission are strongly encouraged to contact the Graduate Director.

Transfer Credit

Upon consultation with the Graduate Director and with his or her approval, students may request that up to 12 units (three courses) of graduate credit earned in other DePaul departments or at other graduate degree-granting institutions be counted toward the MA degree. The Graduate Director will handle such requests on a case-by-case basis.

In no circumstances will graduate credit be given for undergraduate coursework or for courses that have been applied toward fulfillment of another degree. Transfer grades from other institutions do not count in the calculation of the DePaul grade point average.

Undergraduate Courses

Undergraduate courses are not applicable toward the degree, but it is sometimes possible (at the discretion of the graduate director) for students to apply foreign language courses toward degree requirements. Students interested in taking foreign language courses that complement their historical studies should contact the graduate instructor prior to enrolling in any foreign language courses.

Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from the program, students must complete all program requirements satisfactorily. Note that the coursework must be completed with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Graduation with Distinction

Distinction is based on two criteria: (1) A record of consistent excellence in graduate coursework, generally interpreted as a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher; and (2) Exemplary work on the final paper produced within the capstone seminar as judged by the course instructor and the department's graduate committee, or (for thesis students), exemplary work on the thesis as judged by the thesis director and the department's graduate committee.

Program Time Limitation

Students in an MA program are expected to complete degree requirements within a six-year period from the first registration date for a course in the program. For students who do not, the department or program director may recommend, on receipt of the student's petition, in writing, an extension of time with or without additional courses, examinations, or other conditions.