

# MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY

<https://www.una.edu/history/graduate-students/master-of-arts-degree-program.html>

In addition to the general requirements for Admission to Graduate Studies (See General Regulations and Procedures), admission to the Master of Arts degree program in History requires the following:

## Unconditional Admission

1. Preparation: Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and have at least 24 hours in history, including up to twelve hours below the 300 level or have completed a major and/or minor in history. A Graduate Admissions Committee will review each application; consequently, all applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions of the University in accordance with submission deadlines established by that office.
2. Scholastic Achievement: A minimum of 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale in all previous undergraduate and graduate coursework.
3. Test Scores: Submission of satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), which shall consist of the attainment of at least two of the three following scores: Verbal, 146; Quantitative, 140; Analytical Writing, 3.5.
4. Three completed recommendation forms.
5. Application Essay: A type written essay of 250-350 words which describes career goals and areas of historical interest for study in the graduate program.
6. Writing Sample: Minimum of four pages, preferably a research or scholarly essay or paper from previous classes. It may also be a sample of professional or creative writing.

## Transfer Admission

In addition to the general requirements for Transfer Admission to Graduate Studies (See General Regulations and Procedures), up to 12 semester hours of graduate credit by transfer may be accepted with the approval of the graduate program coordinator. Exceptions must be approved by the graduate program coordinator, department chair, and college dean.

## Advisement

Prior to completion of their first semester credit in the program, students shall be assigned an academic advisor.

## Degree and Program Plans

Master of Arts Degree in History requires a minimum of 33 semester hours of credit and includes the following core and options:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses of Study</b>		
HI 605	Historiography and Methodology	3
HI 611	Seminar in U.S. History to 1877	3
HI 612	Seminar in U.S. History Since 1877	3
HI 621	Seminar in World History to 1815	3
HI 622	Seminar in World History Since 1815	3

### Elective Courses of Study

Research Skill Requirement <sup>1</sup>	18
<b>Thesis or Non-Thesis</b>	
Select one from the following:	18
Thesis Option (p. 1)	
Non-Thesis Option (p. 1)	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>51</b>

- <sup>1</sup> The M.A. in history requires demonstration of a research skill. Students satisfy the research skill requirement by successfully completing graduate coursework in foreign language reading proficiency or by the successful completion of a reading proficiency examination administered through the Department of Foreign Languages. A student may also satisfy the research skill requirement through successful completion of upper-division coursework as approved by the graduate committee of the Department of History.

### Thesis Option<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Hours
HI 695	Thesis	6
HI 699	Thesis Defense	0
Select an additional 12 semester hours from the following:		12
History Electives (500-600 level)		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Thesis Option: students choosing the Thesis Option must complete a minimum of six semester hours of Thesis (HI 695), in addition to the core and 12 additional semester hours of 500-600 level history electives. Thesis Defense: students choosing the thesis option must enroll in and satisfactorily complete Thesis Defense (HI 699).

### Non-Thesis Option<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Hours
HI 640	Directed Research and Study	6
Select an additional 12 semester hours from the following:		12
History Electives (500-600 level)		
HI 698	Comprehensive Examination	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Non-Thesis Option: students choosing the Non-Thesis Option must complete six hours of Directed Research and Study (HI 640), in addition to the core and 12 additional semester hours of 500-600 level history electives. Comprehensive Examination: students choosing the non-thesis option must enroll in and satisfactorily complete Comprehensive Examination (HI 698).