HISTORY (M.A.)

Master of Arts. Major in History.

General M.A. requirements apply. This thesis and non-thesis degree is offered in all fields of history for which faculty is currently available. The work toward an M.A. degree stresses preparation for research as well as a balanced course program.

1. Students will contextualize, evaluate, and interpret primary source materials within broad scholarly debate to create a meaningful contribution to historical scholarship.

2. Students will examine a broad variety of source materials as part of in-depth research to answer historical questions using rigorous critical analysis.

3. Students will formulate concrete historical questions, a reasonable plan of research, and carry it through successfully in a timely manner (ideally two years for full-time M.A. students) that culminates in a thesis with major argument based in primary evidence.

4. Students will communicate research findings and interpretation in formal academic manners, orally and in writing, culminating in a sustained argument presented in a thesis of appropriate length (approximately 100 pages).

5. Students will develop and refine organizational and writing skills to serve their research.