

# HISTORY (M.A.)

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## 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.

Please see the Department of History graduate handbook (<https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/class/departments/history/Graduate-Forms/history-graduate-handbook.pdf?la=en&hash=E9D8119F06128B1D3A1B823126766D730DF44681>) for details and program requirements on earning the Master of Arts in History degree.

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.