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Master of Arts in History

The Department offers a master's program in history for students seeking to expand their knowledge of history and to begin to develop the analytical and critical skills of a professional historian.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Graduate School (*see the General Information section of this catalog*), applicants for admission to the M.A. program in History are expected to have completed an undergraduate major or minor in history or a related discipline. Students who do not meet these criteria may be required to enroll in undergraduate history courses before they are fully admitted to the program. All application materials should be submitted to the **Texas Southern University Graduate School**. The Department Chair or the Graduate Student Advisor will review all applications and make recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate School.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Degree requirements for a M.A. in history:
 - A. **Thesis option:** Complete thirty (30) semester hours of graduate work (fifteen (15) semester credit hours of required courses; fifteen (15) semester credit hours of electives) with a grade point average of at least 3.0; demonstrate competency in functional English; pass a comprehensive examination over course work in History; write and defend a satisfactory thesis in history.
 - B. **Non-Thesis Option:** Complete thirty-six (36) semester credit hours of graduate work (fifteen (15) semester credit hours of required courses; twenty-one (21) semester credit hours of electives) with a grade point average of at least 3.0; demonstrate competency in functional English; pass a comprehensive exam over course work in history.

CURRICULUM SUMMARY
Allocation of Thirty Semester Hours
Thesis Option

1. Core Courses (Required).....15 SCH
HIST 631 (3) HIST 632 (3) HIST 734 (3)
HIST 750 (3) HIST 755 (3)

2. Electives.....15 SCH

Non-Thesis Option

1. Core Courses (Required).....15 SCH
HIST 631 (3) HIST 632 (3) HIST 734 (3)
HIST 750 (3) HIST 755 (3)

2. Electives.....21 SCH

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
Advanced Undergraduate/Graduate

HIST 420 CAPSTONE SEMINAR (3) A directed readings course. Variable credit. May be repeated. Open to senior History majors and minors, required for majors. Students will undertake an independent research project leading to the production of an article length senior thesis. (This course may not be taken for graduate credit).

HIST 421 Topics in African Diaspora (3) Directed readings course that may be repeated for up to six hours credit. Topics examine the history of the peoples of the African Diaspora. Three hours of lecture per week.

HIST 430 TOPICS IN U. S. HISTORY (3) Directed readings course that may be repeated for up to six (6) hour credit. Topics examine theme in the history of the United States.

HIST 431 TOPICS IN EUROPEAN HISTORY (3) Directed readings course that may be repeated for up to six (6) semester credit hours. Topics examine themes of European civilization.

HIST 432 TOPICS IN WORLD HISTORY (3) Directed readings course that may be repeated for up to six (6) semester credit hours. Topics examine themes in the history of societies and cultures throughout the world.

HIST 434 TOPICS IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY (3) Directed readings course that may be repeated for up to six (6) semester credit hours. General study of the peoples, cultures, and politics of Latin America from a historical perspective. Special emphasis on the problems of colonialism, imperialism, and hemispheric solidarity. Prerequisites: HIST 231 and HIST 232.

HIST 438 HISTORY OF THE SOUTH (3) An examination of the South including Houston during and after slavery with particular emphasis on race relations as well as cultural and economic development.

HIST 439 THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1945 (3) An examination of the rapid social and political changes experienced by the United States since World War II, with particular attention given to Americans involvement in foreign affairs.

HIST 447 MODERN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY (3) An examination of the background and events of the struggle for legal, political, and economic equality by African-Americans up to the present day.

HIST 451 MEXICAN AMERICAN HISTORY (3) An examination of the history of the Mexican-American people with special emphasis on Texas and the Southwest.

HIST 471 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (3) All examination of the explosive political, social, and cultural developments between 1763 and 1789, which culminated in a war for independence and the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

HIST 478 SLAVERY (3) An examination of the political, social, economic, and cultural impact of slavery on the Western world.

HIST 479 URBAN HISTORY (3) An examination of the process of urbanization in American history with special emphasis on the role of ethnic minorities, blacks, and browns in an urban nation.

HIST 481 TOPICS IN AFRICAN HISTORY (3) Directed readings course that may be repeated for up to six (6) semester credit hours. A series of specialized courses in African history. Topics include ancient African kingdoms, the history of South Africa, and the Atlantic slave trade.

GRADUATE

HIST 531 READINGS IN U. S. HISTORY (3) Directed readings in selected areas of U.S. history to introduce the student to the themes and concepts of U.S. history. (This course may be taken more than once, but no more than three [3] times, as topics vary, with the permission of the instructor.)

HIST 532 READINGS IN AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY (3) Directed readings in selected areas of African-American History to introduce the student to the themes and concepts of African-American History. (This course may be taken more than once, but no more than three [3] times, as topics vary, with the permission of the instructor.)

HIST 533 READINGS IN EUROPEAN/WORLD HISTORY (3) Directed readings on specified topics in European or World history. (This course may be taken more than once, but no more than three [3] times, as topics vary, with the permission of the instructor.)

HIST 581 READINGS IN AFRICAN HISTORY (3) Directed readings in selected areas of African History to introduce the student to the themes and concepts of African History.

HIST 582 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN AFRICAN HISTORY (3) Intensive study with reading and discussion of special problems in African History. (This course may be taken more than once, but no more than three [3] times, as topics vary, with the permission of the instructor.)

HIST 630 PROBLEMS IN U. S. HISTORY (3) Directed readings on specified topics in U. S. history. (This course may be taken more than once, but no more than three [3] times, as topics vary, with the permission of the instructor.)

HIST 631 HISTORIOGRAPHY I (3) A survey of Western historical methods and thought from the Greeks through the 19th Century.

HIST 632 HISTORIOGRAPHY II (3) A survey of the philosophy and methods of 20th Century historical thought and non-Western historical thought.

HIST 633 PROBLEMS IN AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY (3) Directed readings on specified topics in the history of the peoples of the African Diaspora. (This course may be taken more than once, but no more than three [3] times, as topics vary, with the permission of the instructor.)

HIST 635 THE CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION (3) An analysis of the social and political crisis of the Civil War and the social and political readjustments of the period of Reconstruction.

HIST 640 UNITED STATES SINCE 1900 (3) An examination of the history of the United States in the twentieth century, with particular emphasis on the economic and social problems of contemporary America.

HIST 734 SEMINAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY (3) Readings, discussion, and research in selected topics in American history.

HIST 736 SEMINAR IN AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY (3) Readings, discussion, and research in selected topics in Afro-American history.

HIST 750 HISTORICAL RESEARCH (3) A survey of non-quantitative historical research methodology.

HIST 755 QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN HISTORY An introduction to quantitative research techniques appropriate to historical research methodology.

GRADUATE COURSES IN ECONOMICS

The Department of History, Geography and Economics does not offer a program leading to a M.A. in Economics. However, the Department does offer graduate courses in Economics in support of various graduate programs offered through the Jesse H. Jones School of Business.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ECON 620 ECONOMIC THEORY AND POLICY (3) An accelerated one-semester principles course emphasizing micro- and macro-economic theories problems and policies.

ECON 621 MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS (3) A quantitative approach to the application of economic theory to managerial decision making with emphasis on optimization uncertainty demand theory and cost analysis. The political-social-legal environment of business is also studied. **(Prerequisites: ECON 620 and MGMT 240)**

ECON 639 ANALYSIS OF BUSINESS CONDITIONS (3) Aggregate economic analysis with emphasis on national income accounting and income determination; monetary fiscal and other public policies as they impact the economy. **(Prerequisites: ECON 620 and MGMT 240)**