

American History Concentration

The MA American History concentration stresses research and study of topics pertinent to the origins and development of the United States, the land, its people, and its place in the world. The concentration enables students to take seminar courses focused on specific facets of the U.S. past, reading extensively in the scholarly literature and building skills in research and historiographical analysis. Courses range from the colonial era through the present, and center on topics such as political history, cultural history, and the history of gender and sexuality. Students undertake a thesis for their closure projects, in which they research and write an original, argument-based work of historical scholarship.

Requirements

American History Concentration Core Requirements

HIS 501	Graduate History Colloquium	3
HIS 503	Researching and Writing History	3
HIS 510	Graduate Readings Seminar ¹	3
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HIS 580	Thesis	8

Select one of the following: 3

HIS 502	Public History Colloquium	
HIS 504	American Material Life	
HIS 505	Historic Environmental Preservation	
HIS 507	Museum and Society	
HIS 515	History and Digital Media	
HIS 520	Oral History Methods	

Select three of the following ^{2,3} 12

HIS 427	African-American History	
HIS 429	ECCE: Civil Rights Movement of the Twentieth Century	
HIS 431	Colonial America	
HIS 433	United States, 1790-1840	
HIS 434	United States, 1840-1890	
HIS 435	United States, 1890-1945	
HIS 436	United States, 1945-Present	
HIS 437	The Sixties	
HIS 440	Topics In U.S. History	
HIS 441	The Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIS 442	American Urban History	
HIS 445	Intellectual Origins of the American Revolution	
HIS 446	American Political Thought from the Revolution to the 20th Century	
HIS 447	ECCE: Sports and US History	
HIS 448	UFOs & National Security History	
HIS 450	Major Figures in History	
HIS 453/ AAS 403/ SWK 462/ WGS 403	ECCE: Women of Color and Minority Women	
HIS 454	ECCE: History of the Family	

HIS 455	Fashion History	
HIS 456	ECCE: Rebels and Revolutionaries: Female Activism in the United States	
HIS 458	Missions in Early America	
Elective History Course (European, World, or Public history) ²		3
Total Hours		38

¹ HIS 510 must be taken a minimum of two times; course topics vary.

Master's students are encouraged to take graduate seminars.

² No more than 12 hours may be at the 400 level.

³ Students may fill up to 3 credit hours of electives with HIS 599 pending faculty approval.