

**Program:** History **Dept:** History & Geography  
**Major:** History **College:** Liberal Arts  
**Degree:** Master of Arts (M.A.) **Major Code:** 5610

**History, M.A.**

The master's degree in History is designed to promote professional development, critical thinking, civic skills and awareness and understanding of diverse cultures.

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**Admission Requirements**

Submit the following items to:

Jackson College of Graduate Studies  
 100 N. University Drive, NUC 404  
 Edmond, OK 73034

- Online application for admission ([www.uco.edu/graduate/](http://www.uco.edu/graduate/)).
- One-page cover letter (statement of interest) explaining why the applicant wishes to pursue the M.A. in history.
- Writing sample (research paper or seminar paper) demonstrating adequate research ability as determined by the graduate program director and the Chair of the Department of History and Geography. If paper does not demonstrate adequate research ability, student may be required to enroll in Historical Research 3113.
- Two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation are requested through the online application portal.
- Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
  - A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
  - Complete 18 undergraduate hours in History with a GPA of 3.0.
  - Complete HIST 3113 Historical Research with a minimum grade of "B" or be able to demonstrate research ability as determined by the graduate program director and the Chair of the Department of History and Geography. HIST 3113 may count as part of the 18 undergraduate hours in History (in part b.)
- The Graduate Records Examination (GRE) may be used for admission if the undergraduate GPA does not meet the minimum required. A score of 150 on the verbal portion and 4.0 on the writing assessment is required. See graduate program director for further information on the GRE score changes.
- Complete other prerequisites (if any) as determined by the graduate program director.
- Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See [Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency \(pp. 17-18\)](#).

*\*Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See [Admission to Graduate Studies \(p.17\)](#).*

**Other Requirements**

- Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with graduate program director and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program director before it can be considered official.
- Create an Advisory Committee before the second semester of enrollment.
  - Advisory Committee consists of three faculty members.
  - One member of the Advisory Committee will serve as

- chairperson and will assume the major responsibility for advising the student.
- The graduate program director will maintain all student records and will serve as an advisor in supervising the student's progress toward a degree.
- Academic Standards. Meet the following coursework standards:
  - Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  - No more than 6 hours of "C".
  - No more than six director-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
- Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of a second language in one of the following ways:
  - Pass a language examination administered by a faculty member or testing service, as approved by the graduate advisor and the department's graduate committee.
  - Produce evidence of having earned a "C" or better in two sequenced courses in a single second language (6 to 10 credit hours) at an accredited college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
- Thesis or Comprehensive Examination Option.
  - Thesis Option: Prepare a prospectus and meet with the advisory committee during the early stages of thesis work for review and feedback. Complete an acceptable thesis (six credit hours) and successfully defend it in public, provide two paper copies of the thesis and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest and the title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
  - Comprehensive Examination Option: Upon satisfactory completion of the written examination, the student will take a one-hour oral examination administered by the advisory committee.
  - Achieve a minimum score of "pass" on the thesis defense or comprehensive examination. With the approval of the graduate program director, a student who fails the thesis defense or comprehensive examination may petition to be reexamined in the graduate examination period the following semester.
- Final Requirement: Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

**Graduation Requirements**

**Required Courses.....12 Hours**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title
HIST	5013	Historiography
HIST	5023	Graduate Colloquium
HIST	5033	Graduate Readings
HIST	5043	Graduate Research

**Guided Electives in History .....12 Hours**

5000-level history courses with advisor's approval.

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**General Electives or Thesis.....9 Hours**

Three 5000-level courses or six thesis hours with advisor's approval and one 5000-level course. All students must select either the thesis or comprehensive examination option.

**TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED ..... 33 HOURS**