PhD in History

The Graduate Program is designed to train students to think historically, to conduct research effectively, and to write lucidly. Students research and write in seminar settings as well as individually under the guidance of each student’s graduate committee. The program seeks to expand students’ intellectual horizons and expose students to the variety of roles played by historians in academic and public life through seminar discussions, classroom instruction, teaching assistantships, and internships.

All students will declare a Major Field of emphasis and two Minor Areas. Major Fields include

- History of Science and Technology
- Environmental History
- U.S. History

Minor Fields include:

- gender/race/class
- labor and economy
- religious studies
- imperialism
- historical theories and methodologies
- comparative frontiers
- science and technology
- environmental studies
- philosophy of science
- museum studies
- American West

The PhD in History requires a minimum of 30 course credit hours above the MA degree and a minimum of 18 credits of HIST 690 Doctoral Thesis. Students will design their program of study.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelors or Masters degree in history or related field
  - If students enter the program with a Bachelors Degree, they will need to complete at least 60 credits; of which 27 must be coursework and a minimum of 18 dissertation credits
- Letter of intent that addresses the applicant’s areas of intended study and the applicant’s qualifications for doctoral-level work
- Three academic letters of recommendations
- Writing Sample (major research paper or M.A. thesis chapter)
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts

Contact Information

For more information about the History and Philosophy Department Graduate programs, please contact the History and Philosophy Department at history@montana.edu or by calling 406-994-4395.
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