Students sharpen their critical thinking, broaden their global perspective and gain exposure to diverse historical sources and debates.
Why choose Texas State?
The Department of History offers close mentoring with top scholars as well as the benefits of a large and diverse research community. Collaborative efforts with the Center for Texas Music History, the Center for the Study of Southwest and a vibrant Public History Program complement the graduate program.

Graduates have gone on to graduate from top doctoral programs such as Berkeley, Johns Hopkins and Rutgers and have achieved successful careers in education, business, government and beyond.

Course Work
Master of arts (M.A.) students may select a thesis or non-thesis option. In addition to six thesis hours, thesis students will complete 27 hours of graduate history courses or 21 hours of graduate history courses plus six graduate hours in a cognate field. Non-thesis students are required to complete 36 hours of graduate work in history or 30 hours of graduate history courses and six graduate hours in a cognate field. The master of education (M.Ed.) degree consists of at least 21 hours of graduate history courses and 15 graduate hours in a minor field or a split minor of nine graduate hours from one field and six graduate hours from a second field.
Department Mission

The mission of the History Department at Texas State University is to shape exceptional scholars and broaden historical horizons by offering a rigorous program for students who are passionate about history and about furthering their education. Small classes and close mentoring with top research faculty mean a personalized graduate experience and access to a close-knit community of scholars. Hands-on learning immerses students in historiographical debates, tightens analytical and writing skills and develops research abilities. The department is committed to the highest levels of academic excellence and to providing top-quality mentoring and training for its students.
Faculty
The department’s robust full-time faculty have established national and international reputations in their fields. Faculty maintain outstanding levels of research and publications, with particular strengths in the fields of American and Latin American history. Graduate faculty have published with top academic presses, including Cambridge, Oxford and Harvard University Press. Their publications can also be found in top-tier journals, including *Slavery and Abolition*, *the Hispanic American Historical Review*, *The Americas*, *The Journal of American Ethnic History*, *The Journal of Women’s History* and others.

Career Options
Graduate study in history develops written and verbal communication skills and analytical abilities that prepare students for a wide range of occupations. Although many graduates of the M.A. history program go on to careers in public and higher education, they also achieve professional success in business, industry and government agencies.
Important Deadlines*

Admissions
Priority Fall: February 15
Fall: June 15
Spring: October 15
Summer: April 15
Summer midterm: June 1

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships
Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

How to Apply
For information regarding admission requirements and submission instructions, please visit:
gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply

*International applicants can view specific deadlines and requirements at:
gradcollege.txstate.edu/international

For information on deadlines, admission requirements and funding, visit:
gradcollege.txstate.edu/programs/history
As a U.S. history teacher, I have enjoyed teaching the way I have been taught, analyzing documents from multiple perspectives and discussing them rather than simply accepting a particular interpretation.

– David Foster, current M.Ed. student at Texas State University

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