The History Department offers master of arts degrees in four areas of study: U.S. history, Latin American history, European history and public history. A wide range of graduate offerings is available, with considerable emphasis on new methodologies for historical research.

The Department of History at Texas State University boasts an impressive faculty with active research agendas. Recent research projects in American history include studies of slavery and Irish nationalism, Comanche raiding and captive-taking, the Mann Act and sex trafficking, Latino social movements, and the Texas Civil Rights Movement. Other studies have focused on Spanish colonialism in Peru, the Zapatista Revolution in Mexico, race and regional identity in modern Brazil, religious and secular constructions of nationalism in South Asia, cultural philanthropy in 19th-century Germany and the construction of “bad girls” in the modern Arab world.

The department offers the M.A. and M.Ed. in history, both of which prepare graduates for numerous career paths in education and the business world. In addition, the American Historical Association ranks its master of arts program among the top 15 percent of American universities for the number and quality of students it prepares for doctoral programs.
Course Work
Courses consist of colloquia and topical research seminars limited to 15 students to ensure a close working relationship with faculty members. Graduate courses are offered in the evenings and the afternoons to accommodate working professionals as well as full-time students.

Master of Arts in History
Students pursuing a master of arts in history may select a thesis or non-thesis option.
- **Thesis track**: In addition to six hours of thesis course work, students who choose the master's thesis option are required to complete 27 hours of graduate history courses or 21 hours of graduate history courses plus six graduate hours in a cognate field.
- **Non-thesis option**: Students who do not pursue a thesis 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.

Candidates must pass a comprehensive examination and successfully complete the General Research Seminar.

Master of Education in History
The master of education 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.

Candidates must pass a comprehensive examination.

A grade of B or higher must be earned in all history course work counting toward either degree.

Courses include the following:
- Topics in Latin American History
- Topics in Brazilian History
- Colonial Mexico
- Modern Mexico
- Topics in Early American History
- Topics in Antebellum America
- American Civil War
- Reconstruction
- The Gilded Age
- Topics in Twentieth Century U.S. History
- American Women's History
- African American History
- Texas History
- Greater Southwestern U.S. History
- Military History
- Topics in World History
- Topics in Ancient and Medieval Europe
- Topics in Early Modern Europe 1450-1815
- Topics in Modern Europe 1815 to the present
- Topics in British History
- East European History
- Twentieth Century Russia
- Topics in Modern American History
- Chinese Communism

Facilities
Students have access to some of the most extensive collections of documents and titles in the Southwestern U.S. The Alkek Library, on the Texas State campus, has more than 3.4 million items in its collections, including some 1.3 million titles. Also available nearby are The University of Texas libraries, including the Center for American History and the Benson Latin American Collection. Collaborative efforts with NASA's Johnson Manned Space Flight Center, the Center for Texas Music History housed within the department, the NEH Southwest Regional Humanities Center, local school districts and a vibrant public history program complement outstanding scholarship and curricular opportunities throughout the graduate program.

Admission Policy
Unconditional admission is based on a 3.25 or higher GPA on a minimum of 24 hours of undergraduate work in history, a preferred Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score, at least 156 verbal, and preferred six hours of undergraduate foreign language credit.

Submit the following to The Graduate College:
- the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
- application fee
- one official transcript from each college or university attended
- official GRE score — see [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/hist](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/hist) for details regarding the GRE requirement
- focused, carefully developed statement of purpose essay of 400-500 words on how the applicant's undergraduate experience in history courses directed a career toward graduate-level work in history or how that experience shaped the expectations of history course work at the graduate level. Applicants should include their names on all pages.
- brief statement of speaking and reading foreign language competencies
- résumé
- two letters of recommendation

Visit [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply) for access to an online application, where to submit application documents and additional details. The application deadline for those wishing full consideration for assistantships is March 15 for the fall semester and October 15 for the spring semester.

Financial Assistance
A limited number of assistantships and scholarships are available to qualified graduate students. For information, contact the graduate advisor in the History Department.

For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit The Graduate College website at [www.gradcollege.txstate.edu](http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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