

Master of Arts in History

INTRODUCTION

Cleveland State University offers a unique graduate program leading to the Master of Arts in History. The program is suited both for students who wish to earn the MA in one year and for those who prefer to pursue part-time studies, either during the day or the evening. The program meets the needs of a wide variety of students. A number of our MA graduates have gone on to earn a Ph.D. or are currently enrolled in Ph.D. programs. Other students prefer to use the MA as a springboard for work in libraries, archives, law school, and public history projects. Some students are high school teachers desirous of earning a higher degree; many others are full-time professionals endeavoring to deepen their knowledge of history.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

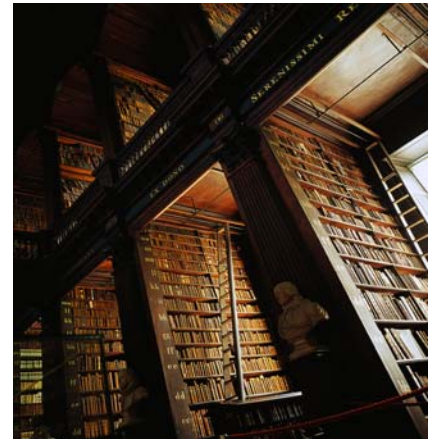
The program offers advanced training in American, European and social history. Students are required to supplement work in their principal field with courses drawn from other areas of history. It is built around a core of research and reading seminars which are supplemented with advanced lecture and individual readings courses. Students are free to pursue either a thesis option or a non-thesis option. All students benefit from the small class size (600-level classes are limited to 15 graduate students) and the opportunity to pursue their own research interests in the required research seminar.

The History Department also has assistantships and internships available for students enrolled in the MA program. Both provide stipends in addition to carrying a tuition waiver and require the student to enroll full-time. We currently have assistants in our Tutoring Center, working with the Euclid Corridor Project, helping maintain the Department web magazine, and helping assist faculty research projects. Recent internships include Archival Management at the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Cleveland Press Collection in the Cleveland State University Library, and at Hale Farm and Village.

RESEARCH and CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

All members of the graduate faculty participate in the activities of local and national historical associations and are active in research and publication in their fields of specialization.

The MA program is designed to encourage students to interact closely with faculty in their areas of interest. Through research and reading seminars, independent study, and/or the writing of a master's thesis, students are encouraged to develop independent research and writing skills.



DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are expected to have an undergraduate major in history with a grade-point average of 3.0 or better, or sufficient undergraduate history courses with grades of B or better to serve as an indicator of probable success in the graduate history program.

For admission information, contact:

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