

HISTORY

MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

History is the exploration of people, events, institutions and values as old as the ancient world and as new as yesterday's headlines. Historians are part sleuths and part research scientists, sharing a curiosity about where we've come from and history's potential to influence where we are going. The department's offerings are both broad and unique. Library holdings for graduate research are especially strong in regional, American Indian, and 20th-Century United States history. The University of South Dakota offers the only Master of Arts degree in history in South Dakota. Students can focus on a variety of areas in American and European history.

The Master of Arts (M.A.) in History is also available as a joint degree through the School of Law (J.D./M.A.). For more information consult with your advisor or visit the website at www.usd.edu/law/academics.cfm

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate School and specific requirements of the history program. Graduate School requirements can be accessed online at www.usd.edu/grad.

To be eligible for the Master of Arts degree in History, applicants must:

- Possess a minimum of 18 hours of undergraduate history, 12 hours of which must be upper division.
- Possess undergraduate GPA of 3.0.

Required Test for Admission: GRE. (There is no minimum score required; the score is considered along with the other application materials).

**Students who do not meet all of the departmental requirements may be admitted to the program on a provisional basis.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

6-8 weeks before classes start

GETTING STARTED:

Prospective graduate students may apply through the Graduate School at www.usd.edu/grad/how-to-apply.cfm.

The Graduate School forwards completed applications to the appropriate academic department for review. The department will then recommend the admission status of the applicant to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will make the final decision on admission.

NON-DEGREE PURSUANT STATUS:

To experience the University of South Dakota as a non-degree pursuant student, the University offers graduate students the option of learning under a non-degree pursuant classification. Up to nine credit hours earned as a non-degree pursuant student may be applied to a graduate degree from USD at the discretion of the academic department.

Please note: Enrollment in a course does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Enrolling as a non-degree pursuant student is easy. Simply complete the online registration form at <https://www.usd.edu/cde/registration> during the registration session open to the public.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Master of Arts in History (Plan A - Thesis Option)

Required Core Courses (15 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
HIST 780	Historiography	3
HIST 781	Readings Seminar	3
HIST 782	Research Seminar	3
HIST 798	Thesis	6

Required Electives (6 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
	*Non-Departmental Electives	6

Free Electives (15 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
	Electives	9

Master of Arts in History (Plan A - Thesis Option) Program Total: 30 credit hours

Master of Arts in History (Plan B - Non-Thesis Option)

Required Core Courses (9 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
HIST 780	Historiography	3
HIST 781	Readings Seminar	3
HIST 782	Research Seminar	3

Required Electives (8 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
	*Non-Departmental Electives	8

Free Electives (15 credit hours)

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
	Electives	15

Master of Arts in History (Plan B - Non-Thesis Option) Program Total: 32 credit hours



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