

HISTORY, MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.)

Thesis option: 30 credits

Non-thesis option: 30 credits

Organized in the 1920s, the Master of Arts in History program at the University of Maryland provides broad and intensive instruction in bibliography, research, and writing in various fields of historical study. The MA degree may constitute a step toward doctoral research or preparation for a variety of other fields, such as archives administration, museum scholarship and exhibitions, public history, primary or secondary school teaching, law, or international relations.

Admission to the Master of Arts program is offered to highly qualified applicants holding at least a bachelor's degree, normally in history or a related discipline. Application and admissions procedures are described on the Department's website.

The MA degree program requires a total of thirty (30) semester hours of course work and research credits and the submission of one or two original research papers. In addition, MA students must successfully defend a thesis (the Degree-by-Thesis option) or pass a written examination (the Degree-by-Examination or 'non-thesis' option).

The anticipated period for completion is two (2) years of full-time study. The degree must be completed within five (5) years.

Thesis Option

Course	Title	Credits
HIST601	History and Contemporary Theory	3
Approved major field courses		9
HIST8xx	Research Seminar	3
Electives		9
HIST799	Master's Thesis Research	6
Total Credits		30

Non-thesis Option

Course	Title	Credits
HIST601	History and Contemporary Theory	3
Approved major field courses		6
HIST8xx	Research Seminar	6
Electives		15
Submit two research papers		
Total Credits		30