

## History

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The Master's Degree in History prepares graduate students academically, professionally, and spiritually for quality educational and professional Christian service by providing advanced training in history and related disciplines and research techniques, accompanied by appropriate elective studies.

The program is a three-track Master's degree in History, consisting of 30-33 semester hours of course work (depending on which of three tracks is chosen by the student). The three tracks are offered to give students maximum flexibility in their degree. The program is designed to be completed over a two-year course of study.

Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate in-depth understanding of specialized areas of American and World history.
2. Demonstrate understanding of important spiritual concepts as related to Bible, theology, and religion in the degree.
3. Demonstrate mastery of research techniques and resources used in the study of history.
4. Engage in further graduate work in history or related subjects, such as doctoral studies in history or further graduate study in other research related majors or law school.
5. Qualify to teach history at the college level (having at least 18 hours of graduate history).
6. Work in professional fields such as government, archival work, or secondary education.

## History (Education Track)

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### PREREQUISITES

Students must achieve a minimum score of 400 on the verbal and 3.0 on the analytical writing section on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). This requirement is expected to be met before enrollment into any graduate level course. However, under special circumstances with approval from the Dean of the Graduate School, a student may enroll for one semester taking no more than 12 graduate hours prior to fulfilling the requirement of the GRE. No student will be allowed to enroll for a second semester without fulfilling the GRE requirement. All transfer students are required to meet the GRE requirement before enrollment. (Students who are graduates of Southwestern with a 2.5 GPA will be conditionally admitted to the Harrison School of Graduate Studies without taking the GRE. After completing 12 hours of graduate work with GPA of 3.0 or higher, the student would then be accepted into the graduate school.)

### HISTORY Prerequisites

Students must have credit for at least 12 semester hours of upper level undergraduate history, including coverage of both American and World history topics (or related subjects approved by the History Graduate Program Coordinator), for admission into the program.

## HISTORY

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**PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT: 21 hours**

- HIS 5113 Research Literature and Technology
- HIS 5133 Biblical Backgrounds
- HIS 5143 Historiography
- HIS 5153 American South
- HIS 5163 American West
- HIS 5173 Medieval Europe
- HIS 5223 Modern Europe 1848-1945

**EDUCATION/ELECTIVE COMPONENT: 12 hours**

Students desiring *Secondary Education Certification* who do not have previous graduate or undergraduate credit for the following courses must take the missing courses as part of their Education/ Elective Component. Students who have met these requirements, or to whom they do not apply, may take elective courses that have been approved by the Graduate History Program Coordinator.

- EDU 5243 Differentiated Learning Strategies
- EDU 5613 Teaching Students of Diverse Cultures
- EDU 5713 Studies in Classroom Management
- EDU 5743 Advanced Strategies of Learning

**TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 33**

#### BIBLE/THEOLOGY/RELIGION Prerequisites

Students who have not taken a course in History of Christianity must take HIS 5193 Ages of Faith as one of their courses in the Professional Component.

#### EDUCATION Prerequisites

Students desiring *Secondary Education Certification* in History must have credit for the following three courses prior to being approved to the Teacher Education program: EDU 2253 Foundations of Education; HDV 2313 Adolescent Growth and Development; and PSY 3353 Psychology of Education.

## Graduation Requirement

Students must apply for graduation and successfully pass the Graduate Comprehensive Examinations prior to being approved for graduation from the Registrar's Office. Application for graduation must be made by the end of late registration in the semester in which the student anticipates to graduate. In order to qualify for a specific graduation date, graduating students must have all program and course requirements completed. Contact the Graduate Studies Office and Registrar's Office for more information.

## Teaching Certificate

Students who are seeking Texas Secondary School Certification need to contact the Certification Officer for more information.