HISTORY

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.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Employ appropriate research methodologies.
2. Analyze, interpret, and correctly cite sources of information.
3. Communicate historical knowledge, interpretations, and arguments clearly in writing.
4. Engage in original historical research involving significant use of primary source materials.
5. Identify arguments in historical scholarship and evaluate them critically.
6. Identify, define, or explain significant ideas, facts, and concepts in American and world history.

Program Entrance Requirements

Students must achieve a minimum score of 143 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 SAGU with a 2.5 GPA will be conditionally admitted to the Harrison Graduate School without taking the GRE. After completing 12 hours of graduate work with GPA of 3.0 or higher, the student will 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.

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.

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 School Office and Registrar’s Office for more information.