

Program Overview

The Master of Arts in Social Studies in World History 4+1 option provides an intensive, integrated and interdisciplinary study of world history and global studies. Students pursuing this degree will increase their knowledge of all facets of world history and global studies through an interdisciplinary approach that will stress application to current issues and challenges in the global community. Fall and spring courses, as well as the final summer courses, will be offered as real-time distance learning seminars, enabling teacher candidates residing within and outside of the immediate area to complete this MA degree within one year after completing their BA program.

Undergraduates from the BA in History Education program apply for the 4+1 option in the spring of their junior year. Accepted students begin their MA coursework in the summer before their senior year, when they take the two 700-level “foundations” courses required of all students in the program. They take the scheduled 700-level MA content course in the fall of their senior year. This course will also count towards their undergraduate degree. They are also allowed to count one 400-level research seminar toward their MA course requirements if taken as part of a 400/600 level course.

Requirement for Admission:

Applicants from the BA in History Education should have an overall undergraduate Grade Point Average of 3.0 (or equivalent) and an undergraduate average of 3.0 (or equivalent) in their social studies courses.

Applicants will submit the following:

1. Letter of application.
2. An official transcript or suitable document that provides coursework, grade point average information, universities attended and degrees conferred.
3. A resume and a personal statement or essay outlining their goals and objectives for pursuing a degree in this program.
4. Three letters of recommendation are required, of which one must come from a professor in the School of Education. All three recommendations should address the applicant's potential for success in the MA in Social Studies in World History program, as well as their potential as a future teacher.
5. A writing sample demonstrating preparedness to do rigorous graduate work.

Candidates will also be interviewed by one of more members of the program faculty committee before a final decision is made on the applicant's portfolio. Admission is selective and competitive based on the number of well-qualified applicants and the limits of available faculty

and facilities. Those who meet stated academic requirements are not guaranteed admission nor are those who fail to meet those requirements necessarily precluded from admission, if they offer other appropriate strengths. Master of Arts in Social Studies in World History program admits students into a cohort that begins their course of study during second summer session.

Requirements for History Education BA 4+1 Option

CURRICULUM

CREDITS

[University and College requirements.](#)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

HIST 101	Western Civilization to 1648	3
HIST 102	Western Civilization: 1648 to the Present	3
HIST 103	World History I	3
HIST 104	World History II	3
HIST 268	Seminar	3
(Depending on its emphasis, this seminar course can count as three of the required credits in European, American, or Global history.)		
History courses on the history of Europe		6
History courses on the history of the United States		12
History courses on the history of Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Middle East		6

The total number of HIST credits required in the major is 36. Course work must include a three credit History seminar at or above the 400 level (excluding [HIST 464](#), [HIST468](#), [HIST 491](#), [HIST 493](#), and independent study), twelve additional credits at or above the 300 level, and six credits at any level. 4+1 students take their 400-level seminar as a 600-level course. 4+1 students take one 700-level course in the fall of their senior year.

ECON 101	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
ECON 103	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
POSC 150	Introduction to American Politics	3
GEOG 120	World Regional Geography	3
PSYC 100	General Psychology	3

Additional credits as follows: 12

3 credits in Political Science, 3 credits in Geography

Six additional credits selected from the following departments: Anthropology; Economics; Geography; Political Science; Psychology; Sociology

EDUC 413	Adolescent Development and Educational Psychology	4
EDUC 414	Teaching Exceptional Adolescents	3
EDUC 419	Diversity in Secondary Education	3
HIST 491	Planning a Course of Instruction (fall semester only) (minimum grade C-)	3

HIST 492	Integrating Instructional Technology into Social Studies Teaching	1
HIST 493	Seminar: Problems in Teaching History and Social Sciences (spring semester only)	3
EDUC 420	Reading in the Content Areas	3
EDUC 400	Student Teaching (spring semester only)	9
HIST 710	4+1 students take <i>World History Curriculum</i> . (the summer before their senior year)	3
HIST715	4+ 1 students take <i>Conceptualizing World History</i> . (the summer before their senior year)	3

Grade of C- or better required in all required HIST, major related, and EDUC courses.

To be eligible to student teach, History Education students must have a GPA of 3.0 in their major and an overall GPA of 2.75. They must also pass teacher competency tests as established by the University Council on Teacher Education and complete a learning portfolio. Students must consult with the [teacher education program coordinator](#) to obtain the student teaching application and other information concerning student teaching policies.

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF

124

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	Summer before Senior Year	Year 1 (Senior Year)	Year 2 (as Grad Student only)
Fall		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics Content course #1 (this 700-level course also counts toward undergrad major requirements) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics Content course #5
Spring		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics Content course #2 (400/600-level Seminar substitutes for this course) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics Content course #6
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIST710 HIST 715 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics Content course #3 Topics Content course #4 Project prospectus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics Content course #7 Project design and thesis research

The MA program requires a total of 30 credits. Note: 4+1 students may not take any MA courses during their undergraduate spring student teaching practicum. The priority in this semester is for students to successfully complete their student teaching practicum at a high level of proficiency.

Students admitted to the 4+1 program will complete all the requirements for the BA in History Education prior to the start of their fifth year of study.

Students admitted to the 4+1 program should complete the requirements for both the B.A. in History Education and the M.A. in Social Studies in World History degree in five years. Upon successful completion of the 124 credits required for the History Education major, students will be eligible for the B.A. degree. Upon successful completion of the remaining requirements for the M.A. graduate program, students will be eligible for the M.A. degree.