HISTORY

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Degree Types: PhD

The PhD Program in History (https://www.history.northwestern.edu/graduate) prepares students for careers as teachers and scholars. It is designed to help students achieve a comprehensive grasp of historical fields and processes, develop critical skills in respect to sources, texts, genres, theory, and methods of inquiry, and carry out original research that makes a significant contribution to historical study.

The program is distinguished by its relatively compact size, admitting about 15 students each year. This highly selective program allows close faculty-student interaction and permits exacting criticism of sources, research procedures, and writing skills.

Each student’s course of study revolves around a chosen general field, minor field, and specialization field. The program encourages students to acquire a frame of reference for their research based on grounding in geographical and cross-disciplinary fields outside their specializations.

Students in this program are encouraged to participate in TGS’s Interdisciplinary Cluster Initiative program. For more information on how you can have a second intellectual “home” outside of your department or program please visit the Interdisciplinary Cluster Initiative page (https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/academics/programs/clusters-and-certificates).

Degrees Offered

• History PhD (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/history/history-phd)

History Courses

HISTORY 300-0 New Lectures in History (1 Unit)
Lecture courses on special topics not covered in regular offerings. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with different topic.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 305-0 American Immigration (1 Unit)
Themes in history of immigration, especially from Europe, Latin America, and Asia. Law, racial formation, acculturation, transnational and international contexts, competing notions of citizenship. HISTORY 305-0 and LEGAL_ST 305-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 310-1 Early American History: Conquest and Colonization, to 1688 (1 Unit)
Conquest and colonization.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 310-2 Early American History: The Age of the American Revolution, 1688-1789 (1 Unit)
The age of the American Revolution.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 315-1 The United States Since 1900: Early 20th C. (1 Unit)
America’s domestic history and role in world affairs since 1900. Early 20th century.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 315-2 The United States Since 1900: Mid-20th C. (1 Unit)
America’s domestic history and role in world affairs since 1900. Mid-20th century.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 315-3 The United States Since 1900: Late 20th C. to Present (1 Unit)
America’s domestic history and role in world affairs since 1900. Late 20th century to the present.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 317-1 American Cultural History: 19th C. (1 Unit)
Changing values of the American people, how they have been transmitted, and how they have shaped American society, politics, and the economy. 19th century.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 317-2 American Cultural History: 20th C. to Present (1 Unit)
Changing values of the American people, how they have been transmitted, and how they have shaped American society, politics, and the economy. 20th century to the present.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 318-1 Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: Colonial Period to 1850 (1 Unit)
Colonial period-1850. Development of legal institutions, constitutionalism, law and social change, law and economic development. Taught with LEGAL_ST 318-1; may not receive credit for both courses.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 318-2 Legal and Constitutional History of the United States: 1850 to Present (1 Unit)
1850-present. Law in industrial society: administration, race relations, corporations, environmental protection, civil liberties. Taught with LEGAL_ST 318-2; may not receive credit for both courses.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 322-1 Development of the Modern American City: to 1880 (1 Unit)
City characteristics of urban society in America from the period of settlement to the present. To 1880.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 322-2 Development of the Modern American City: 1880-Present (1 Unit)
City characteristics of urban society in America from the period of settlement to the present. 1880-present.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 324-0 US Gay and Lesbian History (1 Unit)
Gender, sexuality, and the rise of modern lesbian and gay identities. Lecture and discussion. HISTORY 324-0 and GNDR_ST 324-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both courses.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 325-0 History of American Technology (1 Unit)
American history through its material culture; industrialization and its discontents; consumer culture and household technology; mass communication and democracy; technological utopia and the computer revolution.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 332-1 The Development of Medieval Europe: Early Middle Ages, 300-1000 (1 Unit)
Early Middle Ages, 300-1000.
Historical Studies Distro Area

HISTORY 332-2 The Development of Medieval Europe: High & Late Middle Ages, 1000-1450 (1 Unit)
High and Late Middle Ages, 1000-1450.
HIST 330-0 The Age of the Renaissance (1 Unit)
Decline and revival of European civilization, 1350-1530. Cultural, political, economic, and social developments.
HIST 331-0 History of the Renaissance (1 Unit)
High and Late Middle Ages, 1000-1450.
HIST 332-0 The Age of the Reformation (1 Unit)
Europe in the 16th century, especially origins, evolution, and effects of changes in religion.
HIST 333-0 The Age of the Renaissance (1 Unit)
Decline and revival of European civilization, 1350-1530. Cultural, political, economic, and social developments.
HIST 334-0 The Age of the Reformation (1 Unit)
Europe in the 16th century, especially origins, evolution, and effects of changes in religion.
HIST 335-0 Early Modern Europe, 1350-1550 (1 Unit)
Origins of modernity, from the late medieval to the early modern periods.
HIST 336-0 The Age of the Renaissance (1 Unit)
Decline and revival of European civilization, 1350-1530. Cultural, political, economic, and social developments.
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Field seminar designed to familiarize students with pivotal issues, interpretations, controversies, research techniques, and works in the field relating to the history and historiography of the nineteenth-century United States.

HISTORY 410-3 General Field Seminar in American History (1 Unit)
Field seminar designed to familiarize students with pivotal issues, interpretations, controversies, research techniques, and works in the field relating to the history and historiography of twentieth- and twenty-first century United States.

HISTORY 430-1 Field Seminar in Medieval European History (1 Unit)
An introduction to key primary and secondary sources in the High and Later Middle Ages that highlights methodology and critical debates.

HISTORY 430-2 Field Seminar in Early Modern European History (1 Unit)
Graduate student field seminar in early modern European history.

HISTORY 430-3 Field Seminar in Modern European History (1 Unit)
Graduate student field seminar in modern European history.

HISTORY 443-1 Literature of Early Modern English Hist (1 Unit)
Early modern Britain, 1500-1800, including society, religion, culture, and politics.

HISTORY 443-2 Literature of Early Modern English Hist (1 Unit)
The British Empire from its origins to 1800, including trade, exploration, ideology, and governance.

HISTORY 446-0 Literature of English History of the 19th and 20th Centuries Britain (1 Unit)
An introduction to some of the major debates and preoccupations of 19th and 20th c. British history.

HISTORY 450-1 General Field Seminar in African History (1 Unit)
First Africa field seminar of the year. Introduces students to the core literature in some subset of African history. Topics will vary.

HISTORY 450-2 General Field Seminar in African History (1 Unit)
Second Africa field seminar of the year. Introduces students to the core literature in some subset of African history. Topics will vary.

HISTORY 465-0 Sources in African History (1 Unit)
Explores the kinds of meanings that historians can recover from non-written sources and the ways in which recent scholarship has grappled with these sources.

HISTORY 481-0 Western Literature of Chinese History (1 Unit)
A sequence of courses that train students in the Western-language scholarship on China in the Qing, Republic, and PRC periods.

HISTORY 483-0 Literature of Japanese History (1 Unit)
Trains students in the major scholarship on various periods in Japanese history stretching from the seventeenth- to the twentieth-centuries.

HISTORY 484-0 Literature of the History of Science (1 Unit)
A graduate field seminar covering scholarly approaches to the history of science, technology, and medicine.

HISTORY 490-0 Independent Reading (1-3 Units)
Supervised readings on a particular historical topic with some mechanism for assessing student mastery of the material.

HISTORY 491-0 TA Assistantship (1 Unit)
Administrative registration for graduate students who are TAing an undergraduate class.

HISTORY 492-0 Topics in History (1 Unit)
New courses on cutting-edge topics. Topics will vary by instructor and year.

HISTORY 499-0 Independent Study (1 Unit)
May be repeated for credit. Permission of instructor and department required.

HISTORY 560-0 Teaching History (0 Unit)
Introduction to the main issues that students will confront as history teachers. Engagement with the most profound and interesting questions that arise in teaching history.

HISTORY 570-1 Research Seminar in History (1 Unit)
First half of the first-year research seminar. Students work jointly with the 570 instructor and their adviser to produce a polished research paper based on primary sources.

HISTORY 570-2 Research Seminar in History (1 Unit)
Second half of the first-year research seminar.

HISTORY 580-1 Directed Research in History (1 Unit)
First half of the second-year directed research course. Students work with their advisers to produce a paper which may be research-based or historiography-based, depending on individual needs.

HISTORY 580-2 Directed Research in History (1 Unit)
Second half of the second-year directed research course.

HISTORY 585-0 Divisional Seminar in American History (0 Unit)
The dissertation workshop is an ongoing forum for advanced students in U.S. history at which they present and get feedback on dissertations in progress (prospectuses, chapters, etc.) and other scholarly writings participants may wish to present.

HISTORY 590-0 Research (1-3 Units)
Independent investigation of selected problems pertaining to thesis or dissertation. May be repeated for credit.