Admission Requirements

Applicants are considered on an individual basis. In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, applicants must meet the following program requirements:

- **Baccalaureate Field** Applicants must have either an undergraduate major in history or a minimum of 16 semester hours in history.
- **Grade Point Average** At least 3.00/4.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study. A GPA of 3.50/4.00 is recommended.
- **Tests Required** GRE General. A verbal score of 156 is the minimum recommended.
- **Minimum English Competency Test Score**
  - TOEFL 80, with sub-scores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Speaking 20, and Writing 21 (IBT Internet-based); 60, with sub-scores of Reading 19, Listening 17, Writing 21 (New Paper-Based—after August 2018); 550 (Institutional Testing Paper-Based—prior to August 2018), OR,
  - IELTS 6.5, with sub-scores of 6.0 for all four sub-scores, OR,
  - PTE-Academic 54, with sub-scores of Reading 51, Listening 47, Speaking 53, and Writing 56.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required, from former professors for the MA, MAT, and PhD.
- **Personal Statement** Required.
- **Writing Sample** Required.
- **Other Requirements for Master of Arts in the Teaching of History**
  Applicants The Basic Skills Test must be passed prior to applying for admission to the program.

Degree Requirements

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, students must meet the following program requirements:

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 54 (entering without license); 32 (entering with license). Students seeking a teaching license must complete a minimum of 54 semester hours, which includes hours taken in the Department of History and the College of Education. Students not seeking a license must complete a minimum of 32 semester hours.
- **Course Work** At least 16 hours must be in 500-level history courses. Credit toward the degree is not given for any course in which the student receives a grade of less than B.
- **Course Work** Students must complete 16 hours in graduate-level readings courses across the three fields of U.S., European, or world history, with at least 4 hours in each of these, and a focus of 8 hours in one of these fields. These hours are to be drawn, where possible, from 500-level colloquia. Students must complete 8 hours in courses that focus on the teaching of history and the social sciences, HIST 420 and HIST 500. HIST 420 has a prerequisite of 9 hours in social sciences.
- Students seeking licensure must take 30 hours in required courses toward licensure:

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- **Thesis, Project, or Course-Work-Only Options** Course work only. No other options are available.

Interdepartmental Concentrations

Students earning a graduate degree in this department may complement their courses by enrolling in select concentrations after consulting with their graduate advisor. Interdepartmental concentrations available for this degree include:

- Central and Eastern European Studies (http://catalog.uic.edu/gcat/colleges-schools/liberal-arts-sciences/cees-conc)