

HISTORY

Program of Study

The Department of History offers both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. For the Master of Arts degree, candidates follow one of two options. Under the Thesis Option, students complete at least thirty semester hours of course work, six hours of which will be thesis credit. Students must pass an oral examination on the completed thesis. Those selecting the Non-Thesis Option take at least two graduate research seminars in lieu of the thesis and must pass an oral examination upon their completion of their course work. All students at the master's level must demonstrate competence in one foreign language. A master's degree candidate may concentrate in American, Canadian, European, Asian, sports, technology, environmental, or women's history.

Doctoral candidates complete advanced course work beyond the master's level (at least fifteen semester hours); pass a series of comprehensive examinations; demonstrate competence in one foreign language; and research, write, and defend a dissertation. The Ph.D. candidate may concentrate in either American or Canadian-American history and must become knowledgeable in an additional geographic area of history and in a related discipline.

Financial Aid

The Department of History currently has nine Teaching Assistantships, which constitute the major source of support for graduate students. A teaching assistantship currently pays \$12,500 over nine months. The Graduate School offers a few tuition waivers and small fellowships. To be considered for all appropriate assistantships and fellowships, applicants should mark the relevant space on the application form. The deadline is January 15.

Research Facilities

The Raymond Fogler Library is the historian's research center and contains collections of journals, books, and documents in the history of Maine, the United States, and Canada. The journal *Maine History*, jointly published by the Maine Historical Society and the History Department, is edited out of the Department and provides opportunities for graduate students to learn about the editing, layout, graphics, and printing of a journal. Small travel grants are available for thesis work at research centers in nearby cities.

Students

The Department of History has approximately 65 graduate students, almost evenly divided between the master's and doctoral programs. Students come from various backgrounds including undergraduate majors in History, Political Science, Economics, English, and Communications.

Applying

Application deadlines are October 15 for admission in the spring semester and January 15 for admission in the fall semester.

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Graduate Faculty

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Jay A. Bregman, Ph.D. (Yale, 1974), Professor. Ancient, Intellectual, Jazz.

Jacques Ferland, Ph.D. (McGill, 1986), Associate Professor. Colonial Canada, French-Canadians, Native peoples.

Nathan Godfried, Ph.D. (University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1980), Professor. 20th Century U.S., Labor and Economic, Mass Media and Popular Culture.

Alex Grab, Ph.D. (UCLA, 1980), Professor. Modern Italy, 18th/19th century Europe, Middle East.

Richard W. Judd, Ph.D. (California-Irvine, 1979), Professor and Graduate Coordinator. Maine, U.S. labor and environmental history.

Michael Lang, Ph.D. (University of California, Irvine, 1997), Assistant Professor. Modern Europe, historiography, international relations.

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Stephen M. Miller, Ph.D. (Connecticut, 1996), Assistant Professor, British Empire, Modern Africa, military history.

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