Master of Arts with a Major in History (MA)

Introduction
The Master of Arts with a Major in History at NGCSU is a 30 hour program designed to provide an advanced understanding of history and the historical process with a focus on world and military history. The program in history shall prepare a student whose knowledge of history can be used in the public information sector, the secondary educational and two-year college level, or in pursuit of a degree beyond the MA. The degree will provide students with the research and analytical skills that will allow them to advance in their profession or begin to explore a career in History.

For additional program information, call the Graduate History Program, Department of History & Philosophy, (706) 864-1903, or write to Graduate History Program, Department of History & Philosophy, 82 College Circle, North Georgia College & State University, Dahlonega, Georgia 30597-1001.

Graduate Admissions Procedures
Application materials may be obtained from the Office of Graduate Admissions or from the NGCSU website, http://www.ngcsu.edu. Applicants must pay a one-time, non-refundable application fee. Admission requirements are listed below. When all application materials required to make an admission decision have been received by the Office of Graduate Admission, notification will be sent to the applicant via email and a copy of all materials will be forwarded to the program. Upon review, notification will be sent from the History program to the applicant verifying acceptance or denial.

Students who are admitted, but do not enroll by the academic year following the year of acceptance must reapply through the Office of Graduate Admissions. Students who were previously enrolled but have not been in attendance within the last three terms must also reapply. See Leaves of Absence for more details. All documents and materials submitted to fulfill the application requirements for entry to a program at NGCSU become the property of the university and will not be returned. These materials are kept for one year for incomplete application files and for three years for individuals who complete an application, and are accepted, but do not enroll.

General Admissions Requirements for Graduate Program in History
Students will be admitted into the program only in the Fall Semester of each academic year on a selective and competitive basis.

The following documents must be received prior to admission:
1. Completed NGCSU Graduate Admissions application and application fee.
2. Official transcripts from all regionally-accredited institutions of higher education previously attended. (All official international transcripts must have a foreign course-by-course credential evaluation by an independent evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. Transcripts must include certification that the applicant has received a baccalaureate degree and a stated calculated gpa.)
3. Official scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). (Only those scores that are less than six years old will be considered.)
4. Completed NGCSU Immunization Certification form, in accordance with Board of Regents policy. (Former returning NGCSU students are required to meet any new immunization requirements.)

Students who have not submitted all of the above documentation prior to the first day of the term will have a hold placed on their accounts and will not be allowed to register for subsequent terms until all documentation has been received.

Regular Admission
To qualify for regular admission, individuals must
1. Hold an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year institution with at least a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale) calculated in accordance with NGCSU Graduate Admission procedures.

2. Have achieved a score of no less that 550 on the verbal section and 450 on the quantitative or a 4.0 on the analytical section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

3. Have majored in anthropology, history, international affairs, philosophy, political science, or other appropriate fields. Students may be required to take some core history courses at the undergraduate level for preparation for graduate study.

4. Submit three letters of recommendation from undergraduate professors or other references able to comment on the applicant's writing ability and potential for successful graduate study.

5. Include a writing sample, such as a research paper.

6. Include a 1-2 page personal statement commenting on your preparation for graduate study and educational/career goals.

The meeting of all admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. Final admission is a competitive process that takes all aspects of a student’s record into account.

Provisional Admission
A student may be granted provisional admission in cases where regular admission is not granted. The individual must:

1. Hold an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited four-year institution with at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 (4.0 scale) calculated in accordance with NGCSU Graduate Admission procedures.

2. Have achieved a score of no less that 450 on the verbal section and 400 on the quantitative or 3.5 on the analytical section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

3. Have majored in anthropology, history, international affairs, philosophy, political science, or other appropriate fields. Students may be required to take some core history courses at the undergraduate level for preparation for graduate study.

4. Submit three letters of recommendation from undergraduate professors or other references able to comment on the applicant's writing ability and potential for successful graduate study.

5. Include a writing sample, such as a research paper.

6. Include a 1-2 page personal statement commenting on your preparation for graduate study and educational/career goals.

Students admitted provisionally may register for no more than a cumulative total of 6-9 hours of graduate credit while enrolled with this status. Student status will be reviewed to determine eligibility for regular admission following the completion of 6 hours. Additional courses may be required to be completed prior to a student’s reclassification. Provisionally admitted students who earn a grade less than a B in any graduate history course taken during the provisional period will not be allowed to continue in the History program. Students who have been removed because of a deficient grade may reapply for admission by submitting a letter to the History program coordinator after a period of one year from the date the student was removed. Provisionally admitted students are not eligible for financial aid.
Non-Degree Admission
Individuals interested in taking graduate courses in History, but who do not want to pursue a graduate degree, may apply for admission as a non-degree graduate student. Individuals must receive pre-approval from the History Program coordinator before enrolling in courses and may register for no more than a total of 9 hours of graduate credit. Individuals must hold at least an earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally-accredited four-year institution, and submit the following documents prior to admission.

1. Completed NGCSU Graduate Admissions application and application fee.

2. Official transcripts from all regionally-accredited institutions of higher education previously attended. (All official international transcripts must have a foreign course-by-course credential evaluation by an independent evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services, Inc. Transcripts must include certification that the applicant has received a baccalaureate degree with a minimum grade point average of 2.75.).

3. Official scores of no less that 450 on the verbal section and 400 on the quantitative or 400 on the analytical section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). (Only those scores that are less than six years old will be considered.)

4. Two completed recommendation forms.

5. Completed NGCSU Immunization Certification form, in accordance with Board of Regents policy. (Former returning NGCSU students are required to meet any new immunization requirements.)

Non-degree students wishing to apply for admission to the History Program must notify the program coordinator, submit a new application, and meet all program admission requirements. All elective credit to be applied toward a degree must be approved by the History Program coordinator. Non-degree admitted students who earn a grade less than a B in any graduate course taken while holding a non-degree status will not be allowed to enroll in coursework in the History Program. Students who have been removed because of a deficient grade may not reapply for admission. Non-degree admitted students are not eligible for financial aid.

Transient Student Admission
An individual currently enrolled at a regionally accredited college or university as a graduate student in good standing may apply to NGCSU as a transient student. Permission to take courses does not indicate or imply subsequent admission into the Master of Arts with a major in History. Transient credit is capped at six credits for one semester. Individuals must receive pre-approval from the history program coordinator before enrolling in courses. Requests will be considered on a space available basis.

The following documents must be received prior to admission:

1. Completed NGCSU Graduate Admissions application and application fee
2. Completed NGCSU Immunization Certificate form, in accordance with Board of Regents policy
3. Letter of good standing or Transient Permission Form documenting that the student is not on academic probation or suspension or on disciplinary suspension at his or her home institution (The letter or form should state that the student is in good standing and should indicate the course(s) the student is being allowed to take at NGCSU.)
4. Official transcript from the home institution in order to verify adequate prerequisite knowledge/skills.

Transient admission is for one semester term only. Individuals who wish to return to NGCSU as a transient student for a subsequent term must re-apply to NGCSU.

Apel of Graduate Admission
A candidate whose application is denied has the right to appeal the decision. Appeals must be made in written form to the Graduate History Program, Department of History & Philosophy, 82 College Circle, North Georgia College & State University, Dahlonega, Georgia 30597. The letter should clearly state the grounds for appeal. Students whose appeals are accepted will be admitted as a provisional student and
must complete at least six hours with a grade no less than B to be considered for regular admission. Provisional students are not eligible for financial aid.

**Academic Policies**

**Incomplete Marks**
Incompletes must be finished by the beginning of the second term after which the incomplete was awarded. There are three terms within the course of the academic year; fall, spring, and summer. Incompletes which are not finished by the beginning of the second term will automatically become an F. No degree will be conferred on a student who has an unresolved incomplete grade remaining on his or her transcript.

**Repeated Courses**
Graduate courses may not be repeated in an attempt to improve an earlier grade.

**Academic Standing Policy**
Graduate History students whose academic performance is unsatisfactory will be subject to the following:

1. **Probation** – A student will be placed on probation if a student’s GPA falls below a 3.0. No student may be a candidate for the degree while on probation due to a GPA below a 3.0.

2. **Suspension** – A student will be placed on suspension for any of the following reasons:
   a. The student earns more than two grades of C.
   b. The student earns a grade below a C.
   c. The student has already served three consecutive terms on academic probation.

No student may enroll in graduate courses at NGCSU while on suspension. Courses taken at another institution during the period of suspension will be not recognized for transfer credit. A student seeking reinstatement in the History program must submit a new application and petition the History Program coordinator in writing laying out a rationale for reinstatement. A decision on readmission will be made by the Dean of the School of Arts and Letters and the History Program coordinator.

**Academic and Professional Conduct Policy**
At the end of each term, the program faculty and/or History Program coordinator may intervene to establish a plan of action for any student in the program whose competency is in question, for reasons including unprofessional, disruptive, and/or unethical behavior in the classroom or applied setting. The plan will be signed by the student and the program coordinator with copies forwarded to the Dean of the School of Arts and Letters.

**Policy on Plagiarism**
The History faculty will use a combination of methods to detect plagiarism in the program including turnitin.com and Google searches, among others. Any student engaging in plagiarism will be immediately removed from the program. A student removed from the program for issues of plagiarism will be banned from ever reentering the program. Students dismissed from the program may appeal following the appeal process provided in the front section of the Graduate Bulletin.

**Academic Regulations**
Students are expected to perform in accordance with the Academic policies regarding Academic Integrity as outlined in the Graduate Bulletin. Each student is responsible for obtaining a copy of this document and for adhering to its contents.
Transfer Residency Requirement
Transfer students must apply to the MA Program and meet the criteria for admission. To be awarded a Master of Arts with a major in History, students must earn a minimum of 24 hours of credit applicable to the degree in residence, unless NGCSU has an official transfer of graduate credits agreement for History in place with another institution. In addition, no more than 6 hours of transfer credit may be applied toward meeting NGCSU’s Master of Arts in History degree requirements. All course requirements, including transfer credits, must be completed within a continuous six-year period. The History Program coordinator and the Dean of the School of Arts and Letters must approve all transfer credit. Transfer credit will not be given for any course in which a grade of less than a B was earned.

Time Limit, Residence Requirement
All work must be completed within a continuous six-year period. It is expected that the student will complete the program with reasonable continuity. Students called into military service, stricken by serious illness, or the like may apply for an extension of time.

Students who have been absent from a program for 18 months will reenter under the graduate bulletin that is currently in effect.

Part Time Status
In exceptional circumstances, students may carry less than the usual credit load. The student should notify their major professor and the coordinator of the History Program.

Leaves of Absence
Should circumstances warrant, students may apply for a leave of absence by submitting a petition to the coordinator of the History Program accompanied by a letter of support from their major advisor. If a student fails to register for any fall or spring semester without having the coordinator’s permission to take a leave of absence, the Department of History and Philosophy may drop him from the program. Students so dropped who wish to reenter the program will have to apply for re-admission. Students who have not been enrolled for three consecutive semesters will be dropped from the program and will need to reapply.

The Program
All courses for the degree will be offered within a two-year cycle.

Degree Requirements
Graduation requirements for the Master of Arts with a Major in History include:
1. Completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours (12 hours of the Master’s core courses, 12-15 hours of advanced courses, and 3-6 hours of thesis/capstone course).
2. Cumulative grade point average of 3.0, with no more than two courses with a grade of C.
3. Completion of at least 24 hours of graduate degree requirements in residence, with no more than 6 hours of transfer credit.
4. Completion of all degree-related course requirements, including transfer credit, within a continuous six-year period.
5. Students are required to file their Plan of Study with the registrar’s office prior to the earning 24 hours.
6. Prior to beginning their Thesis or Capstone Seminar, students must fulfill the language requirement.

Language Requirement
All candidates for the Master of Arts with a major in History must demonstrate competency in one language in addition to English.

The language competency requirement is met by taking a translation examination administered by the department. The exam will be a translation of about 500 words to be completed in two hours with a dictionary allowed. The translation exam may be attempted three times.
If a student has completed four semesters of a foreign language, or the equivalent, within the last five years at a university or community college, the student is eligible to take the translation exam with no further coursework. For a non-European language, the student should consult with his/her primary professor concerning minimum skill level to qualify for the translation exam.

If a student’s foreign language hours are more than five years old, the student must take a competency exam. If successful in placing at the level of a fourth semester in the language, the student is eligible to take the translation exam.

In order to pass the translation examination, a student may find it necessary to take language courses at North Georgia or another institution. These courses never count toward the degree requirements for the MA.

Curriculum Requirements (30 hours)

Master’s Core Requirements (12 hours)

HIST 6000 Historiography  (3)

Students will select two courses from the following (6):
HIST 7001 Colloquium in World History
HIST 7002 Colloquium in European History
HIST 7003 Colloquium in American History
HIST 7004 Colloquium in Military History

Thesis track:
An additional 6000 or 7000 level course (3)

Non-thesis track:
HIST 7500—Teaching History (3)

Major Area – 12-15 hours

Thesis Track (12 hours)
Non-Thesis Track (15 hours)

Students are required to take 12-15 credit hours within an area of concentration. No more than 6 credit hours total can come from graduate course work taken outside the Department of History and Philosophy or through transfer credit. The History Program coordinator at NGCSU has final approval over appropriate courses in addition to those listed below. Please check with the coordinator for applicability, prior to registering for the course.

At this time, the only concentrations offered in the program are World and Military History. Other concentrations in American and European History may be added as resources permit.

Courses approved for the concentrations

ANTH 6500   STUDIES IN REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY
HIST 6000   HISTORIOGRAPHY
HIST 6100   U.S. HISTORY
HIST 6110   COLONIAL AMERICA
HIST 6120   EARLY NATIONAL U. S.
HIST 6140   HISTORY OF EVOLUTIONARY SCIENCE
HIST 6150   SOCIAL & CULTURAL HISTORY OF U.S. TO 1860
HIST 6151   SOCIAL & CULTURAL HISTORY OF U.S. FROM 1860 TO PRESENT
HIST 6152   SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
HIST 6160   WAR AND SOCIETY IN AMERICA
HIST 6161   STUDIES IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION
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Other non-history graduate courses relevant to concentration up to 6 hours.

**Thesis or Capstone (3-9 hours)**

Students will choose one of the following options:

A. THESIS OPTION 9 HRS.

HIST 7000 GRADUATE RESEARCH (3)
HIST 7300 MASTER’S THESIS (6)

In the second to last semester prior to graduation, the student must enroll in HIST 7000 (Thesis Research) and in the final semester enroll in HIST 7300 (Thesis). In the final semester, a student will submit a thesis in an acceptable style of historical writing that demonstrates the ability to investigate...
independently a topic of historical significance. The topic will be selected in consultation with the student’s Major Professor and be approved by the Thesis Committee. Style and format will be in conformity with the most recent edition of the *Chicago Manual of Style* (University of Chicago Press) and university standards.

OR

B. CAPSTONE SEMINAR OPTION (3 HRS.)

HIST 7700 CAPSTONE IN HISTORY SEMINAR (3)  
MASTER’S EXAM

In lieu of completing a traditional thesis, a student may pursue the capstone seminar option. In the final semester of study, the student will enroll in HIST 7700 and will produce an article-length capstone paper. This option is not recommended for students intending to pursue advanced degrees beyond the M. A. level.

The Master’s Exam should be taken in the student’s final semester. The student’s major professor will administer a written examination, testing the candidate’s understanding of the methodology of their chosen field and overall mastery of their historical field.
MA Courses

ANTH 6500 STUDIES IN REGIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY
A seminar survey of the prehistoric and pre-contact period of the southeastern United States. (3 hrs.)

HIST 6000 Historiography (3)
A study of the writings of selected historians as they illustrate the problems and the methodology of historical scholarship.

HIST 6100 U.S. History (3)
This course examines selected topics in U.S. history.

HIST 6110 Colonial America (3)
This course examines selected topic in Colonial American history.

HIST 6120 Early National U. S. (3)
This course examines selected topics during the Early National (1783-1832) period in U. S. History.

HIST 6140 History of Evolutionary Science (3)
An inter-disciplinary capstone seminar course that examines the scientific underpinnings of evolution on the levels of micro and macro-biology and also examines the political, social, and cultural history of evolutionary science in the United States.

HIST 6150 Social & Cultural History of US from to 1860 (3)
This course examines social and cultural forces which have shaped this nation’s ideal up to the American Civil War.

HIST 6151 Social & Cultural History of US from 1860 to Present (3)
This course examines the social and cultural forces which have shaped this nation’s ideals.

HIST 6152 Social Movements (3)
This course examines topics in social movements.

HIST 6160 War and Society in America (3)
This course examines selected topics in war and society in America.

HIST 6161 Studies in American Revolution (3)
This course examines topics in American Revolution.

HIST 6170 Appalachian Studies (3)
This course examines the history and culture of the people in the Appalachian region of the United States with an emphasis on North Georgia.

HIST 6180 Civil War and Reconstruction (3)
This course examines topics in the Civil War and Reconstruction.

HIST 6182 American South (3)
This course examines selected topics in the history of the American South.
HIST 6185 Georgia History (3)
This course examines topics in Georgia History.

HIST 6200 History of European History (3)
Selected topics in European History.

HIST 6201 History of Western Civilization (3)
This course is an advanced survey of political, economic, social, and cultural developments in Western Civilization.

HIST 6220 Renaissance/Reformation (3)
A study of Europe from 1350 to 1648, with emphasis on the political, economic, and social background of the Italian and Northern Renaissance, the decline of medieval Christendom, and the emergence of early-modern dynastic states from the Reformation and subsequent wars.

HIST 6225 Early Modern Europe (3)
A study of Europe from the age of absolutism through the development of political, social, scientific, intellectual, and economic revolutions, culminating in the Great French Revolution and the Napoleonic Empire which followed.

HIST 6230 Nineteenth Century Europe (3)
This course is a survey of the major political, social, and intellectual developments, with emphasis on nationalism, socialism, and liberalism between 1815 and 1914.

HIST 6232 World War I (3)
This course examines topics in World War I.

HIST 6235 Twentieth Century Europe (3)
This course is a study of Europe from the onset of the First World War through the development of the European Union and the end of the Soviet empire.

HIST 6240 Modern France (3)
This course is an advanced study of social, political, military, and imperial developments in France in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

HIST 6250 Modern Britain (3)
This course is an advanced study of social, political, military, and imperial developments in Britain in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

HIST 6260 Modern Germany (3)
This course is an advanced study of social, political, military, and imperial developments in Germany in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

HIST 6300 Studies in Latin America (3)
This course examines topics in Latin American History.

HIST 6310 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America
This course is an advanced study of gender and sexuality and their role in Latin American history

HIST 6320 Regional Studies in Latin America
This course examines selected topics in Latin America with an emphasis on specific countries or regions.

HIST 6400 History of Middle East (3)
This course examines selected topics in the history of the Middle East.
HIST 6410 Islam in World History (3)
This course traces the impact of Islam on world history and the response of the Muslim world to the spread of Western political power and cultural values.

HIST 6450 The Crusades
This course is an advanced study of the social, political, and military aspects of the Crusading era.

HIST 6500 History of India (3)
This course introduces students to the political, social, and religious traditions of the Indian subcontinent. It will emphasize the subcontinent’s place in world history, including its contributions to both European and Asian worlds.

HIST 6630 Modern China (3)
This course is a survey of political, ideological, and social developments in China’s evolution as a modernizing state from the Qing Dynasty to the present.

HIST 6640 Modern Japan (3)
This course is a survey of political, economic, and cultural developments in Japan from the accession of the Tokugawa Shogunate through the evolution of the modern industrial state.

HIST 6650 The Mongol Conquests (3)
This course examines the Mongolian Empire and the impact the Mongols had on Eurasia.

HIST 6700 History of Africa (3)
This course examines selected topics in the history of Africa.

HIST 6800 History of Developing Nations (3)
This course examines themes related to the problems of the world’s less developed areas, from the legacy of decolonization to strategies for cultural survival.

HIST 6810 History of the Atlantic World (3)
This course examines themes in the study of the Atlantic world.

HIST 6820 History of Indigenous Peoples (3)
This course examines selected topics on the history indigenous peoples before and after contact by expansive empires or states. Emphasis is placed on Native American societies.

HIST 6850 Modern World Revolutions (3)
This course examines in comparative terms both revolutionary theory and practice. Emphasis is placed on Asian and Latin American revolutionary traditions.

HIST 6860 World War II (3)
This course examines the causes and course of World War II.

HIST 6870 History of Asian Civilization (3)
This course introduces students to the political, social, and religious traditions in Asia. It will emphasize the influence of each of Asia’s cultures upon the other and the region’s place in world history.

HIST 6875 Cultural Encounters and Exchange in World History (3)
This course examines selected topics in world history with an emphasis on cross-cultural and comparative encounters and the ideas and material goods exchanged between them.

HIST 6880 Vietnam and Its Wars (3)
This course examines the Vietnam War in the context of Vietnamese and American history.
HIST 7000 Graduate Research (3)
Directed research in preparation for Master’s examination or defense of Master’s Thesis. Course is repeatable up to 27 hours.

HIST 7001 Colloquium in World History (3)
This course focuses on the study of the historiography of selected topics in World History.

HIST 7002 Colloquium in European History (3)
This course focuses on the study of the historiography of selected topics in European History.

HIST 7003 Colloquium in American History (3)
This course focuses on the study of the historiography of selected topics in American History.

HIST 7004 Colloquium in Military History (3)
This course focuses on the study of the historiography of selected topics in Military History.

HIST 7190 Independent Study in United State History (3)
This course examines selected topics in U.S. history using primary documents.

HIST 7300 Master’s Thesis (6)
A student will complete their graduate thesis during this course. Topic will have been selected with guidance from their major professor.

HIST 7500 Teaching History (3)
This course examines different aspects to teaching history.

HIST 7700 Capstone Seminar in History (3)
This course is a capstone seminar in history, designed to bring together key events, trends, themes, and methods of looking at the past.

HIST 7810 Readings & Research/Modern World Since 1900 (3)
This course is designed to enable students to gain a better grasp of the goals and insights sought by historians of modern world history and pursue original research that may further prepare them as teachers as well as scholars in this field.