

HISTORY, MA AND LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE, MS

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Code	Title	Hours
IS 505	Information Organization and Access	4
IS 510	Libraries, Information and Society	4
Elective IS courses, selected in consultation with an advisor who is a member of the iSchool faculty. Electives may include:		20-22
IS 591	Advanced Topics in Information Services (2 hours, satisfactory/unsatisfactory)	
IS 592	Advanced Topics In Information Organizations (up to 4 hours)	
HIST 593	Approaches to History	4
HIST 594	Intro Historical Writing	4
HIST coursework in one of the graduate fields of specialization offered by the department or a constructed field approved by the department, 4 of which must be at the 500-level and 4 of which must be taken as a research seminar.		8
Electives selected in consultation with an advisor who is a member of the History Department. These may include up to 8 hours for thesis research (HIST 599).		12
Total Hours:		56

Other Requirements

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Language Requirement:	Students must demonstrate competency in one foreign language appropriate to the main field of study. Credit hours from language courses do not count towards the degree.
Students must be enrolled in each program for at least one semester, and must be in residence for at least two semesters	
Minimum GPA:	3.25

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1. Field expertise: Broad, deep, and critical knowledge of key areas of chosen study, in both selected chronological-geographic fields and comparative thematic fields.
2. Methodological knowledge: Understanding and mastery of disciplinary and interdisciplinary methods and concepts.
3. Research, writing, and dissemination: Experience and accomplishment in scholarly research based on primary sources, analytical writing, and presenting this work in print and oral presentation.
4. Professional development: Preparation for the diverse career expectations and possibilities at the intersection of history and librarianship/ information science.

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Admissions

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