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Letter of Welcome

Dear History and HSMT Graduate Students,

Welcome to the History Department! The Graduate Handbook serves as a guide to the regulations and procedures that govern degree requirements and financial aid. Please use it as a reference for navigating the various stages of the History and HSMT programs.

If you have questions about your program, don't hesitate to ask your faculty advisor or the graduate program staff: Susan Nelson, Lisa Normand, Lindsay Ehrisman, and Emily Tran. In addition, definitely feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns that you might have.

The History-HSMT community is delighted that you are joining us. Faculty and staff are eager to support you in your graduate studies. We wish you the best in your intellectual and professional growth in the weeks and months to come.

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General Information

Introduction

The Department of History's Graduate Program is home to two degree programs. We offer graduate degrees (Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy) in **History** and in **History of Science, Medicine, and Technology (HSMT)**. We also offer minor work for doctoral students in other degree programs. Students are occasionally admitted to our Graduate Program for a Master's degree only; however, the majority of our students pursue the PhD.

The Department trains productive researchers, committed teachers, and engaged public intellectuals. Our program is rigorous, combining independent and collaborative work and emphasizing scholarly engagement and intellectual connectedness. The Department strongly supports the Wisconsin Idea, the principle that education should influence and improve people's lives beyond the university classroom. For more than 100 years, this idea has guided the university's work. Our students pursue a variety of careers, including but not limited to college and university teaching.

Progression through our Graduate Program is governed by two sets of regulations. The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures set the general parameters of graduate study at UW-Madison. These are available online and are summarized at appropriate points in this Handbook. The History Department also has its own, additional requirements, which are outlined in this Handbook. As you will notice throughout the Handbook, some of the Department's regulations and requirements apply to all students while others are specific to individual fields of study.

Students must meet the **degree and course requirements** in effect when they *entered* our Graduate Program. (Copies of previous handbooks are available on the Graduate Program website.) Administrative **procedures and processes**, however, can change over time. All students are required to follow the administrative procedures and processes listed in the current Handbook.

The information in this Handbook should be supplemented by individual consultation with your advisor and the Graduate Program staff.

The organization of this Handbook follows the general sequence of milestones that mark students' progress through our Graduate Program: Master's degree, PhD language requirements and minor coursework, preliminary examination, and dissertation. Although work is ordinarily done simultaneously on the Master's degree, the PhD language requirements, and the minor field, students must, at a minimum, be awarded a Master's degree before they are permitted to begin the preliminary examination. In all cases, the minor field and language requirements must be finished before the preliminary examination is considered completed. With the completion of prelims, the student is formally admitted to candidacy for the doctorate.

We try to make the Handbook as accurate as possible, but final authority for applying its provisions rests with the Director of Graduate Studies and the Graduate Council, with the Department Chair, and ultimately with the faculty in its collective capacity. If you have questions about anything in the Handbook or suggestions for improvements, please feel free to bring them to the Director of Graduate Studies or the Graduate Program Manager.

Diversity in History

Deep contemporary injustices, including economic inequality and systemic biases, have limited the opportunities and devalued the intellectual contributions of students, staff, and faculty on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, class, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, age, and veteran and military status.

To remove these barriers, we strive to recognize the diverse institutional needs of our students, staff, and faculty and to take responsibility for providing the resources necessary to meet those needs. We strongly believe that our intellectual endeavors are made more credible and rigorous when they include different peoples, places, approaches, and periodizations. We are committed to:

- Recruiting and retaining students, staff, and faculty from a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints
- Promoting and participating in open and honest conversations about how we may become more respectful, sensitive, and responsive to the needs of students, staff, and faculty
- Supporting research projects that situate marginalized people, places, and themes at the center of inquiry
- Valuing education and mentorship, which we recognize as significant intellectual labors and vital components of a diverse and equitable department
- Cultivating a work environment free of exclusion and harassment, where all feel welcomed, supported, and respected

We are dedicated to the ongoing process of developing new resources to meet the diverse needs of our students, staff, and faculty. Some existing campus resources include:

- Division of Student Life – Diversity and Inclusion
- Gender and Sexuality Campus Center
- Mental Health Services
- DACA/Undocumented Student Support

Keywords and Definitions

Advisor, Major Advisor, Major Professor

These terms are used interchangeably. See Your Faculty Advisor, p. 3.

Graduate Program, Degree Programs, Fields of Study, Thematic Fields

The Department of History is a single *Graduate Program*, which is home to two *degree programs*.

In the **History** degree program, every student has a major specialization: the primary *field of study*. Sub-areas of specialization within the primary field of study are also sometimes called "fields" (e.g., the medieval field in European history), and preliminary exams are taken in specific "prelim fields," which are essentially sub-specializations within the primary field of study. In addition, History students have the option of concentrating their studies in one of our thematic programs: Program in Gender and Women's History, Program in Jewish History, and the War in Society and Culture Program.

In the **HSMT** degree program, students do not have formal fields of study.

In addition, History or HSMT students may also participate in the African American Studies/History Bridge Program (p. 45) and the History and History of Science Joint Ph.D. Program (p. 46).

Graduate-Level Credits

Refers to any course at the 700 level or above. Students typically take courses at the 700 or higher level. Subject to field or degree program restrictions and by prior arrangement with the instructor, however, students may take most 300-600 level courses to fulfill the credit requirements for the degree. For details, see Level of Course Credits, p. 8.

Pre-Dissertator and Dissertator (ABD)

A pre-dissertator is a student who has not yet received the M.A. degree, completed the language and minor field requirements, and passed the preliminary examination. A dissertator has completed all of these requirements but has not yet defended the dissertation (hence, also known as ABD—All But Dissertation—or "admitted to candidacy").

TA

Teaching assistant – graduate student who is employed to attend lectures, lead discussion sections, and assist with the grading in a lecture course.

PA

Project assistant – graduate student who is employed to assist a faculty member or an office with research or other projects.

Reader-Grader

Graduate student who assists with the grading in a lecture course but does not lead discussion sections.

Your Faculty Advisor

Each student has a faculty advisor (also known as major advisor or major professor) or co-advisors who counsel the student on the academic aspects of the individual's plan of study. In most fields the professor assigned to the student upon admission continues to serve as the major professor, with the understanding that some students may wish to change advisors as their research interests crystallize.

Students entering through the Bridge Program or a joint degree program should consult Other Degree Options, p. 45, for details on the dual-advisor structure of those programs.

Advisee's Role

Knowing the procedures and requirements of the University and of the Department is the student's responsibility. Since the advisor's role can vary, students should discuss roles and expectations with their advisors. Both the student and the advisor have a responsibility to make their expectations clear to each other. See Appendix A for our Advising Qs, which provide guidance on topics that should be discussed.

Change of Advisor

Students may change advisors **in their primary field of study** by securing the approval of the new major professor and the Graduate Council. To change **to a different field of study or a different degree program**, however, students must apply formally for admission to the new field or degree program and must be admitted through the regular admissions process. See the Graduate Program Manager for details on the steps to accomplish either of these changes.

Who Does What?

Director of Graduate Studies

The Director of Graduate Studies (DGS), a faculty member appointed by the Department Chair, is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Graduate Program. Professor Charles Kim currently serves as DGS. Contact information: charles.kim@wisc.edu; 4122 Mosse Humanities; (608) 263-1831.

Graduate Council

The DGS chairs the Graduate Council (GC), which has overall responsibility for the Graduate Program and curriculum. The Graduate Council meets at least once a month during the academic year to consider a range of issues from Graduate Program policies and admissions to student petitions. The Graduate Council is composed of the Director of Graduate Studies and three additional faculty, four elected graduate student representatives, the Graduate Program Manager, the Graduate Advisor, and the Graduate Program Project Assistant. GC meetings are listed in the Department's Events Calendar and its agendas and minutes are available on the Graduate Program's website under Grad Administration.

Other Committees

Three other committees, two of which also have graduate student members, have special duties relating to the Graduate Program:

- The **Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (F&S Committee) awards fellowships and prizes. It is composed of three faculty members, the Director of Graduate Studies, and the Graduate Program Manager. The Graduate Program Advisor also attends its meetings.
- The **Joint Committee on TAs** (JCOTA) supervises the hiring, training, ongoing professional development, and evaluation of TAs and hears concerns arising from the appointment or supervision of TAs. Its membership consists of one faculty member from the Undergraduate Council, one faculty member from the Graduate Council (who serves as chair), three graduate student members (elected by the currently enrolled students to two-year terms), and the Graduate Program Manager. The Graduate Advisor and Graduate Program Project Assistant also attend its meetings.
- The **Faculty-Graduate Student Liaison Committee** organizes advisory committees of graduate students to participate in faculty searches. It is composed of graduate students who are elected in years in which searches will take place.

Graduate Student Service

In addition to the committees described above, graduate students also contribute to departmental and Graduate Program operations through service on the Harassment and Discrimination Committee, the Undergraduate Council, and occasional ad hoc committees.

The Department Chair appoints graduate-student members of some committees, while others are elected. The election of graduate students to these bodies, announced and supervised by the DGS and the graduate staff, occurs at the beginning of each academic year. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, see the DGS or the graduate program staff.

For the current roster of students on committees, check the Department Committees section of the Department's website.

Graduate Program Staff

Graduate Program Manager, Susan Nelson, counsels graduate students about technical and substantive departmental and Graduate School degree requirements for all degree programs; helps students build appropriate course schedules; provides staff supervision of the assignment of teaching assistants (TAs) and project assistants (PAs); shares information about funding opportunities and supervises the distribution of graduate fellowships, assistantships, and prizes; assists in managing the Graduate Program's various funds; coordinates and schedules Second-Year Reviews. Serves on the Graduate Council, JCOTA, the F&S Committee, and the Harassment and Discrimination Committee. Contact: susan.nelson@wisc.edu; 4219 Mosse Humanities.

Graduate Advisor and Admissions Coordinator, Lisa Normand, advises graduate students on program requirements, curriculum, degree completion, and university policies, processes, and procedures; coordinates the application and admissions process; plans and facilitates special events and assists with workshops; coordinates the administrative aspects of student appointments (TA/PA), manages TA/PA office assignments; oversees Reader/Grader appointments; schedules Prelims, Prospectus, and Dissertation defenses; facilitates graduate level course permissions; provides administrative support to the Graduate Council; and oversees the publication of the bi-weekly graduate newsletter. Contact: lnormand@wisc.edu; 4217 Mosse Humanities.

Graduate Program Project Assistant (PA), Lindsay Ehrisman, supports the Graduate Program staff with a variety of projects designed to enhance the Graduate Program, including recruitment and retention, TA training, workshops/support groups, and professional development. Contact: lehrisman@wisc.edu; 4257 Mosse Humanities.

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Learning Outcomes

History Degree Program	
Master's Level	Doctoral Level
1. Articulates and critiques the theories, research methods, and approaches to historical inquiry in the student's primary field of study. 2. Demonstrates understanding of the primary field of study in a historical and global context. 3. Is able to identify and make appropriate use of relevant historical sources. 4. Demonstrates the ability to evaluate and synthesize large bodies of scholarship or evidence. 5. Is able to construct a significant and persuasive historical argument that makes an original contribution to historical knowledge. 6. Communicates complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner. 7. Recognizes and applies established principles of ethical and professional conduct.	1. Articulates research problems clearly and understands the limits of current theories, knowledge, or practices in the discipline of history. 2. Pushes the boundaries of current historical knowledge in formulating research questions, in the selection or use of primary sources, or in interpreting evidence. 3. Demonstrates breadth of historical and cultural knowledge. 4. Is able to articulate the broader significance of their work to scholars in other fields or disciplines and to the broader public. 5. Is able to design and teach courses on the undergraduate or graduate level. 6. Fosters ethical and professional conduct.

HSMT Degree Program	
Master's Level	Doctoral Level
1. Articulates, critiques, or elaborates the theories, research methods, and approaches to inquiry in HSMT. 2. Identifies sources and assembles evidence pertaining to questions or problems in HSMT. 3. Demonstrates understanding of science, medicine, and technology in a range of historical, social, cultural, and global context. 4. Chooses the most appropriate methodologies and practices for a chosen research project. 5. Demonstrates the ability to situate a historical question in relation to the existing literature and to evaluate and synthesize information pertaining to questions or problems in HSMT. 6. Is able to construct a persuasive historical argument that makes an original contribution to historical knowledge. 7. Communicates clearly, in both written and oral form. 8. Recognizes and applies established principles of ethical and professional conduct.	1. Articulates research problems clearly and understands the limits of current theories, knowledge, or practices in HSMT. 2. Pushes the boundaries of current knowledge in HSMT in formulating research questions, in the selection or use of primary sources, or in interpreting evidence. 3. Demonstrates breadth in their learning experiences. 4. Communicates complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner. 5. Gains appropriate experience relating to designing and teaching university-level courses. 6. Is able to articulate the broader significance of their work and the discipline of HSMT to scholars in other fields or disciplines and to the wider public. 7. Fosters ethical and professional conduct.

Registration

How Many and What Kind of Credits?

Minimum Total Credits

For the M.A., the Graduate School requires that students complete a minimum of 30 credits, of which 22 must be at the Graduate level. The History degree program requires that at least 24 of these credits be taken in residence at UW-Madison. The HSMT degree program requires a minimum of 18 credits in residence.

For the Ph.D., the Graduate School requires a minimum of 51 graduate-level credits, including those taken for the M.A. It does not grant exceptions to these requirements. To achieve dissertator status, students must have completed at least 32 credits in residence.

Prior Coursework

In the History degree program, with the advisor's approval, students are allowed to count up to 6 credits of graduate coursework from other institutions for their M.A. requirements. For the Ph.D., they may count up to an additional 6 graduate-level credits from other institutions.

With HSMT faculty approval, students may transfer up to 6 credits for the MA degree. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission cannot satisfy requirements and no credits with a grade below B can be applied toward program requirements. With faculty approval, HSMT students may also use prior credits to satisfy PhD requirements (e.g., for the doctoral minor). Total credits transferred for the PhD, including those approved for the MA, may not exceed 19 credits. A maximum of 5 credits earned between five and ten years before admission to the PhD program may transfer.

For additional details, see the Graduate School's policies on Transfer of Graduate Work and Prior Coursework or the Graduate Program Manager. Students with doctoral training in one of the health professions pursuing an M.A. degree in the history of medicine should also consult, p. 41.

Level of Course Credits

The Graduate Program staff encourages students to take graduate seminars numbered 700 and above. In some cases, students take courses numbered 300-679 (with designation "Graduate 50%: Y") to fulfill the credit requirements for the degree. However, some fields of study restrict the number of lower-level or lecture courses students may take (see M.A. Requirements in Specific Fields of Study, p. 19). Graduate students who would like to take lower-level courses for graduate credit must obtain the instructor's approval, attend lectures, and reach a prior agreement with the instructor on a schedule of individual meetings, a list of required supplementary readings, and alternative writing (or other) assignments.

Please refer to specific fields of study in the Master's Degree section for more details (p. 19).

Enrollment in Graduate Seminars

History and HSMT[1] graduate seminars require the consent of the instructor for registration. Email the instructor and copy the Graduate Advisor who will then set up your permission. A list of seminars can be found in the registration system and in the History Department's list of graduate courses.

Minimum enrollment and course cancellation policy: Graduate seminars must have a minimum enrollment of 4 students per faculty member. Seminars that do not meet this minimum requirement by four weeks before the first class day of the semester will be cancelled.

[1] Designated in Course Search & Enroll as HIST SCI courses.

Variable-Credit Seminars

Many of our graduate seminars are offered for 3 credits, and most students take seminars for 3 credits. Some seminars, however, offer the option of enrolling for 1, 2, or 3 credits. By prior arrangement with the instructor, students may take such seminars for 1 or 2 credits. In that case, they should plan to attend all seminars and do the assigned reading so that they can participate fully in the seminar discussions and so that continuity in the discussions from week to week is assured. Prior to the beginning to the semester, such students should contact the faculty instructor for permission to take less than 3 credits and to negotiate a specific agreement about a corresponding reduction in the assignments to be completed.

Concurrent Courses

Some HSMT courses require concurrent registration in a separate 1 credit graduate section. These sections do not count as separate courses in meeting graduate degree requirements.

Minimum Credits per Semester

Each semester, graduate students must register for a minimum number of credits.

Pre-dissertators ordinarily register for at least 9 credits. Pre-dissertators who are employed as TAs, PAs, or readers may enroll for 6 credits with no special permission needed. The Graduate School requires dissertators to register for 3 and no more than 3 credits per semester. In addition, dissertators are not allowed to audit classes. Neither the Graduate School nor the Department requires students to register during the summer (unless required for funding reasons).

Less Than Full-Time Status

In exceptional circumstances, students may carry less than the normal credit load. This requires approval of the major professor and of the Graduate Council. The student must submit a petition, together with a letter of support from the major professor, explaining the circumstances and requesting permission to register part-time. Such requests must be submitted for each semester in which the student wishes to have part-time status and should be submitted before the beginning of that semester. Part-time status is normally granted for one semester at a time; the student automatically returns to full-time status the following semester.

International Students

International students must maintain full-time status to satisfy visa requirements. International students should consult with the International Student Services office to verify that they are enrolled for the number of credits that are necessary to maintain visa status.

In Relation to Student Loans

Students who have loans should check with the Office of Financial Aid to make sure that they have registered for the correct number of credits. Contact your lender for specific credit rules, which may differ from those listed in this Handbook.

Seminars and Courses

Graduate-level courses come in several varieties:

Reading Seminars

These seminars (sometimes described as “proseminars”) usually meet once a week for 2 to 3 hours and cover the historical literature on a particular period or topic. Some History courses, such as “History and Theory” (History 703) or “Comparative World History” (History 753), draw students from all fields of study.

Research Seminars

These seminars usually meet once a week for 2 to 3 hours. They require students to write a paper based on original research, normally using materials available on campus or online. Some fields of study offer their own research seminars. The Department also offers History 800 (Research Seminar in History) on a regular basis in order to help students fulfill the research seminar component for the M.A.

Professional Development Seminars (History 710s)

This topics seminar emphasizes building skills that are valuable both inside and outside the academy, such as managing the writing process, teaching college history, or communicating historical research to a broad, non-specialist audience. Since it is a topics course, more than one may be offered in a given semester. Recent topics include "Dissertation Writing Workshop," "Designing Courses," and "Writing Grant Proposals."

Research and Thesis (History 990)

Students may enroll in History 990 credits while writing their M.A. thesis. Dissertators should enroll for 3 credits of 990, under the direction of their major advisor. However, dissertators may substitute another 3-credit graduate seminar in place of the History 990 credits. They may not take more than 3 credits.

Independent Work (History 999)

Students may arrange an individual directed-readings or research course with a professor; the topic, workload, and number of credits to be agreed upon mutually. Some History fields restrict the number of History 999 credits that students may take; see M.A. Requirements in Specific Fields of Study, p. 19.

Leaves of Absence

Should circumstances warrant, students may apply for a leave of absence by submitting a petition to the Director of Graduate Studies, accompanied by a letter of support from their major advisor. If a student fails to register for any regular semester without having received permission to take a leave of absence, the Graduate Council may drop them from the Graduate Program. Students so dropped who wish to reenter the program will have to reapply for admission. Upon readmission they must follow the academic policies and procedures of the Graduate School and the Department of History in effect at the time of their re-entry.

Please consult with the Graduate Program Manager about how a leave of absence may impact a student's funding guarantee.

Graduate students sometimes apply for a leave of absence when they will be engaged in dissertation research away from campus. Note, however, that, according to Graduate School policy, a dissertator within four semesters of completion who takes a leave of absence will incur a substantial financial penalty upon re-enrolling. In lieu of a leave of absence while engaged in research abroad, students are encouraged to enroll in the Worldwide UW Graduate Research program (see p. 33).

Please review the Graduate School's full policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1227

For students who are RA/TA/PA, please also see the Graduate Assistant Policies and Procedures (GAPP): https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/

Satisfactory Progress

As students advance through the Graduate Program, they must make satisfactory progress toward their degree. Making good progress is required to maintain funding guarantees and puts a student at an advantage in the competition for financial aid and on the job market. Students who fail to make satisfactory progress may be dropped from the program.

Definition of Satisfactory Progress

Satisfactory progress is measured in several ways, enumerated below. Students must meet all of these conditions.

Registration and Credits

Pre-dissertators ordinarily register for a minimum of 9 credits each semester. Pre-dissertators who are employed as TAs, PAs, or reader-graders may enroll for 6 credits with no special permission needed. Dissertators must enroll for 3 credits.

Grades and Grade Point Average

The Graduate School requires students to maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 or better throughout their career at UW. This means that a grade of "B" in a graduate-level course (300-level or above) is a cause for serious concern. After the fourth semester of full-time study, the History Department requires its students to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25. The History Department considers these to be minimum threshold GPAs and anticipates that students making satisfactory progress will maintain a higher GPA.

Incompletes

At no time may a graduate student have more than 6 credits of "Incomplete" on their record.

Time Limits

The Master's Degree—All students should complete the M.A. degree by the end of the fourth semester.

The Preliminary Examination—Time limits for taking prelims vary somewhat by degree program and field. See the Prelims sections in the History and HSMT degree programs below.

The Ph.D.—The Graduate School requires every student to complete the Ph.D. within five years of passing the preliminary examination or the preliminary examination may have to be retaken. Neither leaves of absence nor part-time status are grounds for extending this deadline.

Dissertator Status (ABD)

Students achieve dissertator status (also known as ABD, "all but dissertation") upon completing all requirements for the Ph.D. degree except the dissertation. These include completion of the M.A., foreign language and minor requirements, passing preliminary examinations, and approval of the dissertation proposal. Students must also satisfy the Graduate School's requirement that they have completed at least 32 credits in residence. ABD status provides a significant reduction in tuition and may be required for certain funding opportunities.

Exemptions

In most instances, should a student wish to be exempted from any of the regulations set forth in the Handbook, he or she should petition the Graduate Council. Petitions should be addressed to the Director of Graduate Studies and submitted to the Graduate Program Manager. A letter of support from the student's advisor is normally required as well. See the Graduate Program Manager for more details.

Conduct Expectations

All students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of professional behavior and ethics. Students should avoid even an appearance of improper behavior or lack of ethical standards while in Graduate School at UW-Madison.

In particular, our graduate students are expected to conduct themselves according to the professional standards expected of historians. These expectations are codified in the American Historical Association's "Statement on Standards of Professional Conduct (updated 2019)", which is available on the AHA's website.

For information on the University's policies and resources, see Appendix C (p. 61), UW Graduate School – Conduct Expectations.

History Department Policy on Harassment and Discrimination

The History Department strives to create a community in which every individual – student, staff, and faculty – is treated with respect and where diversity provides a foundation for excellence, thus enabling every individual to reach their full potential. To that end, the faculty of the History Department has endorsed the following statement:

> The Department of History will not tolerate harassment, or any other form of discrimination perpetrated by any of its members, whether faculty, staff, or student. When an allegation of harassment or discrimination is made, the Department will do its best to guard the privacy of both the aggrieved party and the person said to have offended. Maintaining that protection may become impossible, however, once a formal complaint has been filed. The Department will try to resolve cases fairly at the lowest administrative level possible, but it will not hesitate to bring in university officers outside the Department when regulations or the seriousness of the matter mandate such action.

Grievance Procedures

Any student who feels unfairly treated or aggrieved by faculty, staff, or another student is encouraged to discuss their concern directly with the person responsible for the objectionable action. If the student is uncomfortable making direct contact with the individual(s) involved, they should consult their advisor or any member of the Department of History's Harassment and Discrimination Committee. The committee is comprised of the Associate Chair (who chairs the committee), the Director of Undergraduate Studies, the Director of Graduate Studies, two tenured faculty members, two appointed graduate students, the Graduate Program Manager, and a member of the Departmental staff. A list of the current committee members is posted on a bulletin board in the Department office (3211 Mosse Humanities Building) and on the Department website (under Department Information – Department Committees).

The Harassment and Discrimination Committee's function is to provide a body in which any member of the History community, including faculty, staff, and students, may raise a concern about harassment or discrimination and seek counsel about resolving the matter informally and civilly.

The procedure is as follows:

- An individual may approach any member of the Committee to raise a concern about an instance of harassment or discrimination and consult on appropriate courses of action.
- An individual may at any time request that the Associate Chair, as chair of the Harassment and Discrimination Committee, report a concern about an instance of harassment or discrimination to the entire Committee, in which case the Committee shall provide counsel about resolving the matter through appropriate courses of action.
- After the Committee members have provided counsel, either singly or collectively, the individual may, if they consider the matter still unresolved, bring the concern to the attention of the appropriate higher administrative authority.

For information on the University's policies and resources, see Appendix D (p. 63), UW Grievance Procedures & Reporting Misconduct and Crime.

The History Graduate Degree

Degree Options

Fields of Study

In the History degree program, most graduate students specialize in one of the fields of study listed below. This is their "primary field of study." The programmatic requirements of the fields vary somewhat, as detailed in this handbook.

- African History
- Central Asian History
- East Asian History
- European History – Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern, and Modern
- Latin American and Caribbean History
- Middle East & North African History
- South Asian History
- Southeast Asian History
- U.S./North American History

Students in the History degree program may choose to concentrate their training in their primary field of study in one of our thematic programs: Program in Gender and Women's History, Program in Jewish History, and the War in Society and Culture Program.

Individual Plan of Study (IPS)

Students who would like to pursue training balanced roughly equally between the primary fields of study listed above (e.g., African history and U.S. history) may propose an Individual Plan of Study. This option responds to increasing student interest in historical studies that span two or more geographical areas. It is aimed at those for whom a major concentrated in one geographical field of study is not sufficient—in other words, students who wish to gain roughly equal depth of training in more than one geographical area.

Students considering this option should be aware that the choice may have job-market ramifications. Although there has been some movement in recent years away from the traditional definition of academic jobs in terms of a single geographical area (e.g., U.S. history, African history, or East Asian history), many academic positions are still defined in geographic terms.

Another consideration to bear in mind is that an individual plan of study, because it offers roughly equal grounding in the history and historiography of more than one geographical area, will require more time to complete than would a major in a single field of study.

Those who wish to pursue an individual plan of study should, first, discuss this option with the three faculty members with whom they would like to work (two co-advisors, one from each field of study, and a third committee member). The basic process is outlined below.

Creating your individual plan of study

- Each student who pursues an individual plan of study must have a supervising committee that consists of two co-advisors from different fields of study and a third faculty member. One of the co-advisors shall serve as administrative chair of the committee.
- In consultation with your supervising committee and the Graduate Program Manager, you will need to prepare a petition to the Graduate Council that explains the coherence of your plan of study and specifies the M.A. course requirements, Ph.D. language requirements, minor requirement, and the format and timing of your preliminary exams that you and your committee members have agreed upon. The petition should also outline any needed revision of the benchmarks that normally define satisfactory progress. Any subsequent changes to your plan must be approved by the Graduate Council.
- Students who are admitted as an individual plan of study applicant should submit a preliminary petition to the Graduate Council by the end of their second semester and a full proposal for their Second-Year Review. Should you decide not to pursue an individual plan of study, you must designate an existing field of study as your primary field and secure the approval of the faculty members in that field of study by the end of your second semester. All other students may submit a proposal for an individual plan of study at any time through their first semester post-M.A.
- If the Graduate Council declines to approve your proposal for an individual plan of study, you must designate an existing field of study as your primary field and secure the approval of the faculty members in that field of study by the end of the semester following that in which the petition was rejected.

Annual Development Plan

The ADP is designed to help students work towards meeting academic and professional goals, support conversations between advisors and advisees, and support student progress.

An annual development plan is a modified version of the multi-year Development Plan that is common in some disciplines. It provides an opportunity for each student to reflect on their work in the current academic year and plan their academic and professional development in the near future. The ADP is different from a “progress report” in the sense that it is "forward-looking”: it is designed to help students set goals for the next year, create a plan to achieve those goals, identify challenges to meeting those goals, and discuss all of these with their advisor(s). An important characteristic of the ADP is that it invites students to reflect on goals and plans in all areas of student development: academic (courses and milestones) as well as professional (career development, skills, and pedagogy training). The ADP process is not a substitute for regular discussions between advisors and advisees, but is designed to support them. The written feedback from the advisor will refer to the proposed development plan and will not constitute an evaluation or review of the student’s performance.

Every student in the History degree program must submit the ADP form each spring. HSMT students should follow the requirements found in the Handbook, pg. 37.

The History Master's Degree

General Information

The M.A. degree is the first milestone in the History degree program and serves as the gateway to the Ph.D. Students wishing to attain doctoral candidacy must have an M.A. in History or its equivalent.

To earn an M.A., all History graduate students must:

- Complete 30 graduate credits. See Credits below.
- Meet the research seminar and paper requirement.
- Meet any specific requirements in the primary field of study. See M.A. Requirements in Specific Fields of Study, p. 19.
- Fulfill one language requirement (History Degree Ph.D. Language Requirements, p. 21)
- Pass the Second-Year Review by the end of the fourth semester.

Credits

As noted above (Minimum Total Credits, p. 8), the Graduate School requires students to complete a minimum of 30 credits of graduate-level coursework, 22 of which must be graduate level coursework. The History Department requires that 24 of those credits be completed in residence at UW-Madison.

The 24 credits in residence must include History 701, History 800 (or an equivalent research seminar in the student's field of study), and, for those in the U.S. field, History 900.

Research Seminar Requirements

Research seminars are designed to give students a large block of time to work on their research. The seminars introduce students to the life of a professional historian, provide them with the space and structure to undertake a research project, and give them the opportunity to present their findings in a conference-type setting. They may be field-specific or thematic.

All students must enroll in History 800 or a research seminar in their primary field of study no later than their third semester and complete the research paper by the end of their fourth semester.

1. Research paper: The minimum requirement for completing the research seminar is to submit a 20-page draft essay. Research papers in their final form for the Second-Year Review should be approximately 9,000 and no more than 10,000 words, excluding notes and bibliography.
2. The objective of the research paper is to demonstrate the student's ability to make an original, well-written argument based on a substantial use of primary sources or, in certain fields, a combination of primary and secondary sources.
3. Most students complete a two-semester sequence that consists of:
    - Three credits in a research seminar and an optional fourth credit of History 990 with their faculty advisor, who will advise them on the specific content of their research.
    - An additional one to three credits of History 990, with the approval of their advisor in a subsequent semester.

- Occasionally students complete the full 9,000-word paper during the research seminar, in which case they will satisfy the research requirement without undertaking further work.

4. Research seminars are graded on an A-F scale. The grade is determined as follows:

    - If the student takes a research seminar and completes their research project in this seminar, the grade is determined by the seminar instructor.
    - If the student takes a research seminar, takes the optional fourth credit of History 990, and completes their research project within the semester, then the grade is determined jointly by the 990 instructor and the seminar instructor.
    - If the student takes two semesters to complete the research project, the instructor of the research seminar determines the grade for semester one and the 990 advisor determines the grade for semester two. If the student has taken the optional fourth credit during the first semester, the grade for the one-credit 990 is determined by the 990 instructor with whom the student has registered for the second semester.

Second-Year Review

Students are evaluated for the M.A. degree and for continuation in the History degree program at the end of the fourth semester (or earlier if they choose) by a Review Committee composed of their advisor; two faculty members chosen by the student in consultation with their advisor, one of whom must have supervised the student in a class or independent study; and the Graduate Program Manager (ex-officio). In general, the committee will be composed of faculty involved in the ongoing and future mentoring of the student; substantial or complete overlap with the student's prelim or dissertation committees is desirable, if possible.

Students should submit a copy of their research paper to the Review Committee. The committee's review includes a conversation about the student's performance, progress in the program, and future plans. **The student does not attend this meeting.** However, a student can opt to attend a feedback session with committee members following the Second-Year Review meeting.

To pass the Second-Year Review, students must:

- Complete one research paper of 9,000-10,000 words, excluding notes and bibliography, in the Department of History.
- Fulfill one language requirement.
- Complete a minimum of 30 graduate credits, including History 701 and History 800 (or equivalent). Should the student have received one or more grades of "B" or below, or two or more grades of "AB" in History Department courses, the Review Committee will solicit additional information about the student's performance from the instructor(s) of the class(es).
- Clear all incompletes by the end of the term during which the Second-Year Review is conducted.
- Fulfill course requirements in their primary field of study (see M.A. Requirements in Specific Fields of Study, p. 19).

- Submit a list of prelim fields and potential examiners along with a timeline for completing prelims.
- Receive a positive endorsement from the three faculty members on the review committee. The committee's assessment is guided by the History MA Learning Outcomes.

At the Second-Year Review, the committee may take the following actions:

- Approve the M.A. degree and authorize the student to prepare for the preliminary examination. At the committee's discretion, the student's research paper may also be nominated for the Kate Everest Levi Second-Year Paper Prize (p. 56).
- Approve the M.A. degree as a terminal degree (i.e., not permit the student to proceed in the graduate degree program).
- Recommend that the student not pass the Second-Year Review and be dropped from the graduate degree program.
- Postpone a Second-Year Review decision until a later date (up to no longer than one full academic-year semester beyond the initial review). In this case, the Review Committee will compose a brief statement outlining what is expected of the student and within what time frame.

If the student does not opt to attend a feedback session following the Review Committee meeting, the student's faculty advisor will meet with the student to convey the Review Committee's main conclusions and suggestions.

Students may appeal the Review Committee's decision by writing to the Director of Graduate Studies within two weeks of the decision. The appeal is reviewed by the Graduate Council in Executive Session; it will solicit additional information from the Second-Year Review Committee.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the Graduate Council, may postpone the Second-Year review for one semester.

Students who do not pass the Second-Year Review within the specified time and without a Graduate Council-approved extension, will lose their eligibility for departmental support. This eligibility will be restored once the student passes the Second-Year Review.

Students Entering with an M.A.

Students entering with an M.A. from another institution may advance to the prelim stage early in their first semester if given approval by their advisor. This option is only available to those who have written an M.A. thesis or a longer research paper and who wish to use it to satisfy the research seminar and paper requirement for the Second-Year Review..

Those wishing to have their previous M.A. research considered for approval should submit their work to the Graduate Program Manager as soon as possible following their commitment to matriculate. The Manager will give the thesis/paper to the faculty member best qualified to evaluate it, and the faculty member must notify the student and the Graduate Manager whether the research paper meets the requirement prior to the first day of instruction of the Fall semester.

Students who do not meet the research paper requirement or who have not written a longer research paper are required to write an approximately 9,000-word research paper in the History Department by enrolling either in a research seminar or in History 990.

For students entering with an approved outside M.A., the Second-Year Review shall take place in the third semester in residence.

M.A. Requirements in Primary Fields of Study

African History

Course Requirements: Each student must enroll in a seminar or proseminar (if available) every semester of residence. In their first year, they may enroll in History lecture courses in their area of specialization. Undergraduate lecture courses may not be taken for credit after the first year of graduate study.

Language Requirements: Students must fulfill the Second-Year Review language requirement with an African language.

Central Asian History

No special field requirements.

East Asian History

Course Requirements: Students must complete 4 graduate courses in East Asian History. These can be upper division lecture courses or graduate seminars/colloquia (taken for a minimum of 12 credits). At least two of these courses should be in the major field, and at least one should be outside the major field. In addition, all students are required to enroll in a research seminar (History 800 or its equivalent).

Students should also begin fulfilling the course requirements that must be completed prior to taking the preliminary examination. They are required to take one semester each of Chinese, Japanese, and Korean history. They may fulfill this requirement by taking a graduate seminar or an upper-division lecture course. They may also fulfill the requirement by serving as a TA in either an introductory or upper-division course. Students are also required to take History 703 (History and Theory).

Language Requirements: Students must complete the eighth semester in their main language (Chinese, Japanese, or Korean) by the time they either undergo the Second-Year Review or complete their fourth semester of coursework.

European History

No special field requirements, except in Medieval History: Students must demonstrate proficiency in two world languages, usually one medieval and one modern. (For the definition of proficiency, see Competence Levels and Methods of Satisfying the Requirement, p. 21.)

Latin American and Caribbean History

Course Requirements: Each student must enroll in a seminar or proseminar (if available) every semester of residence. Other courses will include History graduate seminars or similar courses in the culture area of specialization. Undergraduate lecture courses may not be taken for credit unless a faculty advisor or co-advisor approves.

Middle East & North African History

No special field requirements.

South Asian History

Course Requirements: Each student must enroll in a seminar or proseminar (if available) every semester of residence. In lieu of a History graduate course, they may substitute an independent study in History or a graduate seminar in another department. In their first year, they may enroll in History lecture courses in their area of specialization. Undergraduate lecture courses may not be taken for credit after the first year of graduate study.

Language Requirements: Students must complete two years of study in one South Asian language (or demonstrate equivalent proficiency by examination).

Southeast Asian History

Course Requirements: M.A. students shall take six credits of graduate seminar in Southeast Asian history each academic year or, if not available, substitute credits of independent study with a faculty specialist in Southeast Asian history.

Language Requirements: Students must complete two years of study (or demonstrate equivalent proficiency by examination) in a Southeast Asian language or, with the approval of the Southeast Asian faculty, in a relevant colonial/imperial language.

United States History

Course requirements:

All students must take the following:

- The core seminar, History 900, during the first or second year. This seminar introduces students to the U.S. History faculty and their fields of research and teaches students the core skills of professional historians.
- Three three-credit seminars that cover a significant portion of the seventeenth and/or eighteenth centuries, the nineteenth century, and the twentieth century, respectively. If a seminar falls into more than one category, the student may choose the single category for which they will receive credit.

To meet these course requirements, students may use no more than six credits of History 999, "Independent Work." Students will probably find it useful to preserve most, if not all, of their six credits of History 999 for preliminary examination preparation.

In exceptional circumstances, student may, with the consent of their advisor, take up to six credits in upper-level undergraduate courses. The instructors of such courses have the prerogative to refuse admission to graduate students.

M.A. Requirements in Thematic Concentrations

Gender and Women's History, Program in (PGWH)

Course Requirements: Students must meet the requirements of their primary field of study; take History 752, Seminar in Transnational Gender History; and take at least two additional History graduate seminars that are gender-specific, i.e., that have at least a 50% focus on issues and analyses of gender, women, or sexuality.

Jewish History, Program in (PJH)

Course Requirements: Students must meet the requirements of their primary field of study; take the core seminar in Jewish History; and take a topics seminar in Jewish History. Students will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in Hebrew or Yiddish, preferably both, and to gain further grounding in Jewish literature, culture, and/or religion by pursuing a Jewish Studies distributive minor designed in consultation with PJH faculty members.

War in Society and Culture Program (WISC)

Course Requirements: Students must meet the requirements of their primary field of study; take the War in Society and Culture core seminar; and take at least two additional History graduate seminars that focus on war, society, and culture.

The History Degree Ph.D. Language Requirements

Because knowledge of a foreign language is a valued skill and enhances cultural understanding, the History Department requires all students to demonstrate, at a minimum, **reading knowledge** of at least one language other than English. The fields of study may set additional requirements, and each field determines which languages may be used to satisfy its requirement (see below).

Competence Levels and Methods of Satisfying the Requirement

Reading knowledge is defined as equivalent to:

- Achievement of "*adequate* (use of language as a research tool)" on a reading knowledge exam or its equivalent; *or*
- **Two years (i.e., 4 semesters)** of college-level language courses in which the student received "Bs" or better throughout the second year and of which the last semester of study was completed within five years of their admission to the Graduate Program.

Proficiency is defined as achievement of "*advanced* (mastery of tense, idiom, vocabulary)" on a reading knowledge exam or its equivalent.

Students may fulfill a language requirement by course achievement; by passing at the required level of competence on the examinations offered by the relevant language departments of the University or administered by the UW-Continuing Studies; or by other arrangements approved by their advisors and the Graduate Council.

Language Requirements in Primary Fields of Study

African History

Students are expected to demonstrate **proficiency** in one African language and reading knowledge of another language relevant to research. Given the prominence of French in the historiography of Africa, students are encouraged to acquire reading knowledge of French, in addition to any other European languages relevant to their research interest.

Central Asian History

The language requirement varies according to the student's research interest.

East Asian History

In general, students must have:

- Met the M.A. language requirements, and
- Completed two years of a second East Asian language or achieved reading knowledge of another language relevant to their research interest.

In addition, students in Chinese history must have a minimum of one year of classical Chinese language study (or its equivalent). Additional language training may be required for research in the student's chosen field.

European History

Ancient History—Students must demonstrate **proficiency** in French and German either by course achievement or by examination and must demonstrate proficiency in Greek and Latin by an examination administered through the Department of Classics.

Medieval History—Students must demonstrate **proficiency** in either Latin or Greek and in two modern European languages, one of which must be French or German.

Early Modern and Modern History—Students in fields of European history other than British must demonstrate **proficiency** in a continental European language and reading knowledge of a second language other than English. Students in British history must demonstrate either **proficiency** in one language other than English or reading knowledge of two languages other than English.

Latin American and Caribbean History

Students must demonstrate **proficiency** in Spanish and reading knowledge of Portuguese, or **proficiency** in Portuguese and reading knowledge of Spanish, depending on the student's research interests. With the consent of the student's advisors, other languages may be substituted.

Middle East & North African History

Students must demonstrate **proficiency** in two languages, at least one of which must be a language of the Middle East or North Africa.

South Asian History

Students must demonstrate **proficiency** in at least two languages, one of which must be an Indian language. Language options will vary according to the student's research interest.

Southeast Asian History

Students must demonstrate **proficiency** in at least one modern Southeast Asian language and reading knowledge of an additional language other than English that is relevant to the student's research interest.

United States History

No additional requirement.

Language Requirements in Thematic Concentrations

Students in the Program in Gender and Women's History and in the War in Society and Culture Program shall follow the language requirements of their primary field of study.

Jewish History, Program in (PJH)

In satisfying the language requirements of their primary field, students must demonstrate **proficiency** in Hebrew or Yiddish, preferably both.

The History Degree Minor

The purpose of the minor is to give breadth to the Ph.D. major (i.e., History or HSMT). The minor should expose the student to subjects and methodologies that provide a strong counterpoint to those encountered in their major (History or HSMT). For this reason, no course in the students' major area of study should be used to meet the minor requirement.

Before beginning coursework for the minor, the student should consult with the major professor and minor advisor (if required) on an appropriate course of study. The "Minor Agreement" form (available on the Graduate Program website) should be submitted to the History Department's Graduate Program Manager upon completion of the minor coursework. The minor coursework must be completed before a student may advance to candidacy.

Minor Options

The minor requirement varies somewhat by field; see details below. In general, it may be fulfilled in one of two ways:

External Minor (Option A)

This minor is composed of at least nine credits taken in another graduate degree program. Note that different degree programs have different credit rules; students must meet the rules that the outside degree program has set for the Ph.D. minor.

The minor must be approved both by the major professor and by a professor (the "minor advisor") from the outside department.

Distributed Minor (Option B)

This minor is composed of credits taken in two or more degree programs. It requires a minimum of nine credits and must be approved by the major professor and by the Director of Graduate Studies. See the Graduate Program Manager for details on proposing a distributed minor.

Special Notes

- Because History and HSMT are separate degree programs, students in the History degree program may do an external (Option A) minor in HSMT and students in the HSMT degree program may do an external minor in History.
- Students who do not achieve a grade of "B" or better in all courses for the minor must take a minor field examination.
- Courses taken to satisfy a language requirement may not be used to fulfill minor requirements, nor may courses on foreign grammars. Students may, however, minor in foreign literature or in linguistics.
- The minor may consist of more than nine credits if the student's major and minor professors so decide and the Graduate Council approves.

Minor Work at Other Institutions

In some restricted cases, and with advisor approval, students are permitted to use work done at other institutions toward their minor course requirements. See the Graduate Program Manager for more information.

African American Studies/History Bridge Program

Bridge students may count courses taken as a Master's student in African American Studies toward their Ph.D. minor requirement, provided that the courses are not in their major field. For more details, see the Bridge Program with African American studies, p. 45.

Minor Requirements in Primary Fields of Study

African History

The minor field requirement is normally met by interdisciplinary training in African studies, comprising three courses (9 credits) in two fields other than History. Students already grounded in African studies may, in close consultation with their major professor, choose an alternative minor.

Central Asian History

No additional requirement.

East Asian History

No additional requirement.

European History

No additional requirement.

Latin American and Caribbean History

No additional requirement.

Middle East & North African History

No additional requirement.

South Asian History

No additional requirement.

Southeast Asian History

No additional requirement.

United States History

No additional requirement.

Minor Requirements in Thematic Concentrations

Gender and Women's History, Program in (PGWH)

Students must follow the minor requirements of their primary field of study and are encouraged to include courses emphasizing women, gender, or sexuality, bearing in mind that no course in the students' major area of study may be used to meet the minor requirement.

Jewish History, Program in (PJH)

In consultation with PJH faculty members, students will design an interdisciplinary "Jewish Studies" distributive minor by completing course work in Center for Jewish Studies courses.

War in Society and Culture Program (WISC)

Students must follow the minor requirements of their primary field of study and are encouraged to include courses emphasizing war, society, and culture.

Minor Requirements for Non-History Majors

Students in other degree programs who wish to pursue a minor in the History degree program must reach agreement on an appropriate plan of study with a History faculty member, who serves as the minor advisor. This agreement must be in place and approved by the Graduate Program Manager prior to the beginning of coursework.

The minor must consist of 9 credits of graduate-level work. Students are encouraged to take at least 6 credits of this work in graduate seminars, and no more than 3 credits in undergraduate courses. History 990 may not be used to fulfill the minor requirement. The minor field may include up to 3 credits of History 999 (Independent Work), provided that the student produces at least 15 pages of written work.

The Department of History's "Minor Agreement for Non-History Majors" form is available on the Graduate Program website.

The History Degree Preliminary Examination

The preliminary examination tests students' mastery of their chosen areas of specialization. The student's goal in the exams should be to demonstrate breadth of historical knowledge, to show mastery of the relevant literatures, and to display the mind of an historian at work, able to frame questions and to use evidence in a fruitful, original way. Once a student has passed the preliminary examination and completed all other requirements, they will be considered for admission to candidacy for the doctorate, based on the totality of their graduate record.

General Information

Qualifying to Take Prelims

Before taking prelims, students must:

- Pass the Second-Year Review and have earned a History M.A.;
- Complete two language requirements (if more than one is required);
- Complete coursework for the minor field; and
- Remove all "Incomplete" and "Progress" grades from their records.

In exceptional circumstances, students may petition the Graduate Council to waive certain deficiencies and to be allowed to take the preliminary examination without having satisfied all of these requirements. Any requirements waived before the preliminary examination must be completed before the student may advance to candidacy.

Deadlines for Taking Prelims

Students are expected to take the preliminary examination by the end of their sixth semester, with the exceptions noted below. Students who fail to take the preliminary examination by their deadline will be dropped from the Graduate Program.

- Students who already have an approved M.A. from another institution may take the exam as early as the fourth semester.
- The examination may be postponed by one semester for every twelve credits of required non-Western language training.
- Students in fields of study that require written exams in four prelim fields (see Prelim Requirements in Primary Fields of Study, p. 29) and more than two languages (see Language Requirements in Primary Fields of Study, p. 21) may postpone the preliminary examination up to two semesters (i.e., European/Ancient and European/Medieval).

Committee Composition

The examining committee will be composed of the student's lead advisor, who chairs the committee, and the faculty who have supervised preparation of the other fields.

Components of the Preliminary Examination

In general, and subject to special requirements set by the student's primary field of study or thematic concentrations (see pp. 29 & 32), the preliminary examination consists of four parts:

1. Written, take-home examination
    - Number of fields
        - The written exams are taken in three prelim fields, except in those fields of study that set different requirements (see p. 29).
        - The number of required prelim fields must be the same for all students in a given field of study.
            - Students wishing to do a fourth prelim field in a field of study that requires only three prelim fields must petition the Graduate Council for approval the *semester before taking their prelims*. The student's petition and the advisor's letter of support must explain why a fourth field is needed.
    - Students shall choose the fields for their written exams in close consultation with their advisors. It is the responsibility of the major advisor(s) to ensure that the choice of fields encourages breadth of historical knowledge.
    - The questions will be distributed fourteen days before the deadline for submission of the written exams (or twenty-one days, if four fields).
    - The committee members will determine how many essay questions will be posed in each field and whether the student will have a choice of questions in each field or

must respond to all questions. They must communicate this information to the student well in advance of the written exams.

- The written responses in each field should be 1,800-2,500 words [i.e., 7-10 pp.], excluding notes. If students are required to respond to more than one question per field, the expected length of the responses should be made clear to the student and, combined, should not exceed 2,500 words per exam field.
- Before the written exam period begins, the advisor(s) and advisee should arrive at a mutual understanding of permissible activity during the exam period.

2. Syllabus

- The syllabus should be appropriate for a one-semester undergraduate lecture course in the country or region in which the student intends to teach. Students shall choose the topic in close consultation with their advisor(s).
- It may draw on one or more of the student's prelim fields for the written exams.
- The syllabus is to be accompanied by an explanation of the historiographic and pedagogical decisions informing the syllabus, which may include a statement of teaching philosophy, and a bibliography of the scholarship that informed preparation of the syllabus. The accompanying document should be 1,250-2,500 words in length [i.e., 5-10 pp.].
- The syllabus and accompanying document must be submitted no later than the written exams and may be submitted earlier.
- Students who have previously taught at the university level may submit a syllabus drawn from that experience. With advisor approval, students may also petition the Graduate Council for an alternative means of demonstrating prelims-level competence in teaching.

3. Dissertation Proposal

- In language accessible to historians in other fields, the proposal should explain the chosen research problem, the anticipated methods and sources, a preliminary research plan, and the key historical and historiographic contributions that the research is expected to make.
- The proposal should be 2,500-4,000 words in length [i.e., 10-16 pp.], excluding notes, and shall include a bibliography of primary and secondary sources.
- **It must be submitted prior to receipt of the questions for the written exams**, *except* in fields of study (i.e., European, Southeast Asian, and US/North American) that permit it to be submitted after the written exams or set other requirements (see p. 29).

4. Oral Examination

- The oral exam shall be scheduled within 7 to 14 days of completion of the written exams.
- Scheduled for two hours, the oral exam covers the written exams, general knowledge of the fields of specialization, the syllabus, and the dissertation proposal, if it is due before the written exams.

- In fields that permit the dissertation proposal to be submitted *after* the written exams (i.e., European and U.S./North American), a second meeting of the dissertation committee is held (see p. 29).

The Process of Taking Prelims

Declaration of Intent

It is recommended that students declare their intent to take the preliminary examination by submitting the Prelims Request Form the semester prior to the exams.

Dates of Administration

Students in all fields may take their preliminary examinations at any time during the faculty contract year, although exams are normally held in November and April. The date parameters and associated deadlines will be determined by the graduate staff who will arrange the scheduling and logistics for the actual defense in consultation with the student's exam committee.

Only in exceptional circumstances may preliminary examinations be scheduled outside of the faculty contract year, which coincides with the academic year.

Expected Behavior during Written Exams

Faculty expectations regarding permissible activity during the exam period (e.g., outside proofreading, consulting library or internet sources, discussing questions with peers) vary considerably. The advisor and advisee should arrive at a mutual understanding before the written exam period begins.

Evaluation of Preliminary Examinations

The preliminary exam is graded on a scale of distinction/pass/fail. To earn an overall passing grade, students must pass all parts of the preliminary examination.

Note that the preliminary examination plays an important part in the determination of whether a student may be permitted to proceed toward the Ph.D. (i.e., advance to candidacy), but it is not the only grounds on which that decision is made. The preliminary examination committee takes into account the student's entire academic record, including coursework, the results of the Second-Year Review, and any other relevant information, such as performance as a TA. The Department reserves the right to drop a student from the Graduate Program if their record is judged deficient overall, even if the student has passed the preliminary examination. (In practice, however, this has not occurred.)

Retaking Preliminary Examinations

If a student fails one or more parts of the preliminary examination the first time, but the rest of the student's record so warrants, the student may be permitted to retake the part(s) failed. This option, however, rests entirely with the preliminary examination committee, not the student. Students who fail a second time will be automatically dropped from the Graduate Program. Students wishing to contest either a preliminary exam grade or their overall examination may appeal first to their prelim committee and then to the Graduate Council.

Prelim Requirements in Primary Fields of Study

Note: Fields of study not included below fall under the default provisions, (Components of the Preliminary Examination, p. 26).

African History

Written exams: In consultation with their advisor(s), students shall choose one primary field and two secondary fields. In the written examination, the student shall answer 2 questions in the primary field and 1 question in each of the two secondary fields.

East Asian History

Written exams: In consultation with their advisor(s), students shall choose one primary field and two secondary fields. In the written examination, the student shall answer 2 of 4 questions in the primary field and 1of 2 questions in each of the two secondary fields.

- Chinese History: The student's three fields shall be pre-19th century Chinese history, modern Chinese history (from 1840 to the present), and either premodern or modern Japanese history or a third field approved by the major professor.
- Japanese History: The student's three fields shall be pre-modern and early modern Japanese history (through Tokugawa); modern Japanese history (from the Meiji Restoration); and either pre-modern or modern Chinese history or a third field approved by the major professor.
- Korean History and Transnational Asian History – no special requirements.

European History

Written exams:

- Ancient History
    - Students shall take their written exams in four fields, including Greek history, Roman history, and Greek and Latin Language and Literature. The fourth field, chosen in consultation with the advisor(s), shall be in European history.
    - It is the responsibility of the lead advisor(s) to clarify with the student if the four fields should be prepared in less depth than three fields would be or if the student should expect preparation of four fields to take more time than preparation of three fields.
    - The syllabus shall draw on one of the four fields for the written exams.
- Western Medieval History
    - Students shall take their written exams in four fields.
    - All students shall take exams in early, central, and late Middle Ages. The fourth field is usually in Byzantine, Roman, or Renaissance and Reformation history.

    - It is the responsibility of the lead advisor(s) to clarify with the student if the four fields should be prepared in less depth than three fields would be or if the student should expect preparation of four fields to take more time than preparation of three fields.
    - The syllabus shall draw on one of the four fields for the written exams.
- Early Modern British History
    - Students shall take their written exams in four fields.
    - At least one, and usually two, fields shall be in continental European history; the other two or three shall be in British History to 1485; British History, 1485-1688; British History since 1688; or English Constitutional History.
    - It is the responsibility of the lead advisor(s) to clarify with the student if the four fields should be prepared in less depth than three fields would be or if the student should expect preparation of four fields to take more time than preparation of three fields.
    - The syllabus shall draw on one of the four fields for the written exam.
- Russian/Soviet History
    - Students shall take their written exams in four fields.
    - All students shall take exams in imperial Russian history and in Soviet and post-Soviet history. The student shall choose the other two fields in close consultation with the advisor(s).
    - It is the responsibility of the lead advisor(s) to clarify with the student if the four fields should be prepared in less depth than three fields would be or if the student should expect preparation of four fields to take more time than preparation of three fields.
    - The syllabus shall draw on one of the four fields for the written exams.

Dissertation proposal: **Is due before the end of the semester in which the written exams are taken**. It shall be submitted to a committee consisting of the student's lead advisor and two other faculty chosen by the student in consultation with the lead advisor. When this committee has determined that the prospectus is of sufficient quality to warrant a defense, the committee shall meet with the student to discuss the project. This meeting may be simultaneous with the oral examination but shall in any event take place before the end of the semester in which the written exams were taken.

Latin American and Caribbean History

Written exams: Two of the three prelim fields must include the colonial and modern periods of Latin American History. The third field will be determined by the student in consultation with the advisor.

Syllabus Field: The syllabus and syllabus essay shall be for a one-semester survey on either the colonial or the modern period. Students, with the approval of their advisor, may present a syllabus on the third written exam field instead.

South Asian History

Written exams:

- In consultation with their advisor(s), students shall choose one primary field and two secondary fields.
    - The primary field centers on the history of South Asia, with a focus on the student's region, country, or countries of specialization.
    - One secondary field focuses on a geographical region that has historical connections with the primary field's spatial area of focus.
    - The other secondary field has a thematic focus that bears methodological and historiographical relevance to the student's course of study.
- In the written examination, the student shall answer 2 or 4 questions in the primary field, and 1 or 2 questions in each of the two secondary fields.
- The Syllabus and Dissertation Proposal will follow the default provisions listed earlier under *Components of the Preliminary Examination*.

Southeast Asian History

Written exams:

- The student's three fields shall be:
    - The history of island or mainland Southeast Asia with a focus on the student's region, country or countries of specialization; and
    - Comparative history of two or more nations that do not include the student's country of specialization. Unless the faculty agree otherwise, this field shall examine the areas of island or mainland Southeast Asia not covered in the chosen field above.
    - The history of Southeast Asia as a whole or a thematic, trans-Asian or transnational field designed in coordination with another member of the examining committee that may include relevant material on Southeast Asia.
- Students shall receive the questions for the three fields in succession. Each question is to be answered within five consecutive days, with a maximum break of two days between questions.
- The written responses in each field should be 3,000-6,000 words [i.e., 12-24 pp.], excluding notes.

Dissertation proposal: It is recommended that the proposal be submitted in advance of external grant applications.

Oral examination: **There is no oral examination of the written exams and syllabus**. A one-hour oral examination focuses on the dissertation proposal; it may be scheduled to coincide with external grant applications.

United States History

Written exams: Students shall take their written exams in two fields.

- The primary field shall be a thematic field, broadly defined (e.g., in terms of the faculty's teaching fields) and shall cover the sweep of American history.
- The secondary field may be in U.S. history, in non-U.S. history, or in transnational history, as the student and their advisor(s) deem appropriate. If it is in U.S. history, it shall be defined thematically or chronologically and may be more focused in scope than the thematic field. If it is thematically focused, it should be relatively broad in chronological terms; if it is chronologically focused, it should be thematically broad. In any case, it shall be widely different from the thematic field, drawing on an identifiably different historiography.

Syllabus Field: The syllabus shall be for a one-semester survey that covers at least half of American history. The survey should introduce undergraduates to the social, cultural, political, and economic dimensions of American history. It is the advisor's responsibility to ensure that the syllabus field draws on an identifiably broader literature than the primary and secondary fields.

Examining committee: The committee for the written exam fields and the syllabus field shall include a fourth member chosen by the lead advisor.

Dissertation proposal: **Is due before the end of the semester following that in which the written exams were taken.** It shall be submitted to a committee consisting of the lead student's advisor and two other faculty members chosen by the student in consultation with the lead advisor. When this committee has determined that the prospectus is of sufficient quality to warrant a defense, the committee shall meet with the student to discuss the project.

Prelim Requirements in Thematic Concentrations

Gender and Women's History

Written exams: Students shall follow the prelim requirements in their primary field of study, except that one of their exam fields must be in Gender and Women's History.

Jewish History, Program in

Written exams: Students shall follow the prelim requirements in their primary field of study, except that one of their major fields must be in Jewish History (e.g., for Europeanists: "Modern European Jewish History" and for Americanists: "American Jewish History").

War in Society and Culture Program

Written exams: Students shall follow the prelim requirements in their primary field of study, except that one of their exam fields must be in military history.

The History Degree Ph.D. Dissertation

The Ph.D. dissertation crowns a graduate student's career. Based on original research, it must make a scholarly contribution to its field and form the nucleus of subsequent publications.

Composition of the Ph.D. Committee

1. The student and the major professor are responsible for the composition of the Ph.D. committee. The chair or one of the co-chairs of the committee must be graduate faculty from the student's program. Affiliate appointments may be used to satisfy this requirement. While an advisor may serve as chair, it is not a requirement. Advisors and chairs are to be designated in the dissertation.
2. The committee must be comprised of at least four members representing more than one UW-Madison graduate program. Affiliate appointments may be used to satisfy this requirement.
3. Three of the committee members must be UW–Madison graduate faculty or former UW–Madison graduate faculty within one year of resignation or retirement.
4. At least three committee members must be designated as readers.
5. The fourth member and any additional members may be from any of the following categories, as approved by the program's executive committee (or its equivalent): graduate faculty, faculty from a department without a graduate program, academic staff (including emeritus faculty), visiting faculty, faculty from other institutions, scientists, research associates, and other individuals deemed qualified by the executive committee (or its equivalent).
6. All committee members have voting rights. To receive a doctoral degree, students cannot receive more than one dissenting vote from their committee on the final degree warrant.

It is normally desirable to have the committee in place well in advance of the semester in which you intend to defend. See the Graduate Program staff for more information.

Registering Your Topic

At the beginning of their research, students should register their topic with the American Historical Association (AHA) by notifying the Graduate Advisor of their working dissertation title. This gives public notice that you are working on the topic so that scholars elsewhere will not duplicate your work.

By the same token, you should do a keyword search of the AHA's Directory of Dissertations in Progress to ensure that your research will not duplicate work already completed or in progress elsewhere.

Research Considerations

Travel Abroad

Worldwide UW Graduate Research program

Dissertators intending to do research abroad are strongly encouraged to enroll in one of the UW's Worldwide Dissertators programs, administered through the UW-Madison Study Abroad office. Students who have received an NSEP Boren, Fulbright, Fulbright Hays DDRA, Bonn Fellow funding, or NSF GROW should apply to the Worldwide, Worldwide UW Graduate Fellowships Research program. All other students planning to do research abroad should apply to the Worldwide, Worldwide UW Graduate Research program.

Participating in these programs is strongly encouraged because, instead of paying tuition while abroad, the student pays a program fee that is considerably less expensive, yet maintains student status and access to health insurance.

Registration

While conducting research abroad, students not enrolled in the Worldwide UW Graduate Research program must register every semester, unless they are on a departmentally approved leave of absence.

Health Insurance

All UW students studying/traveling abroad are required to acquire health insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI). This low-cost, high-quality coverage is available to both individuals and families and is endorsed by the university.

Human Subjects Research

If you plan to conduct interviews for your research, please be sure that you are informed about the Human Research Protection Program. Information is available on the website of the Graduate School and the American Historical Association (see "AHA Statement on IRBs and Oral History Research" and "Negotiating Institutional Review Boards").

The Dissertation

Structure and Formatting

Be sure to read the Graduate School's formatting information before you start writing.

Length

The Department makes no rules about the dissertation's length, but the faculty expect a work of at least several hundred pages, carefully researched and well written. In most instances, a dissertation of 250-400 pages should be sufficient. In the HSMT degree program, a dissertation of more than 500 pages will not be accepted without the advisor's prior approval. Be sure to discuss the expected length with your advisor.

Writing and Revising

The writing and revision process varies from committee to committee. In some cases, the major professor reviews drafts and approves distribution to the other committee members; in others, students submit a preliminary draft of the dissertation to all committee members and take their comments into consideration in preparing the final draft. It is imperative that the student and the supervising committee agree on a process for reviewing and revising drafts of the dissertation. Be sure to consult early on with your advisor about the expected process.

UMI Abstract

When you deposit your dissertation electronically, you will be required to provide the text of an abstract. The abstract must be in English, must not exceed 350 words, and must be approved by your advisor. Submit a draft of your abstract with your dissertation draft to your advisor.

Dissertation Rubric

The rubric is a useful reference and guide for History and HSMT students and for mentors at various stages of the dissertation process.

Dissertation Rubric

1. Present the original exploration, thought, and writing of the doctoral candidate.

2. Articulate a clear research question or questions.
3. Respond to its research question(s) with a persuasive, focused argument.
4. Sustain its argument with substantial primary source evidence drawn from archival, published, oral, visual, archaeological, ethnographic, and/or quantitative sources.
5. Situate its argument relative to current theories, knowledge, and/or practices in History, HSMT, and/or other disciplines.
6. Communicate its intellectual value to the field.
7. Maintain an ethical approach to its subjects.
8. Demonstrate accurate, factual, and correct knowledge of the subject.
9. Organize its material into distinct chapters or other appropriate subdivisions.
10. Employ a consistently clear prose style.

The Dissertation Defense

In best practice, the Ph.D. candidate submits the dissertation to the full committee one month prior to the defense. Be sure to discuss with your committee members the precise timing and their preferences for paper or digital copies.

Candidates defend the dissertation after:

1) Receiving approval from their committee to proceed;

2) Satisfying all other requirements for the degree; and

3) Resolving any "Incomplete" or "Progress" grades.

The defense consists of a two-hour oral exam focusing on the dissertation. It is administered only on the Madison campus and is scheduled at a time mutually convenient to the candidate and the five-member examining committee. The oral examination is open to observers at the candidate's discretion; the deliberations of the committee are not. Oral examinations occur outside of the faculty's nine-month contract year only in exceptional circumstances, ideally only when students or major professors will not reside in North America during the following academic year. Faculty participation via the Internet is also possible.

The Graduate Program Manager or Graduate Advisor notifies the committee, and obtains the Ph.D. warrant from the Graduate School. The committee's assessment is guided by the Ph.D. Evaluation Form. Students should work closely with the graduate staff prior to the oral examination to ensure that all forms and university procedures are completed. The graduate staff schedules the examination to ensure deadlines for depositing can be met.

The Five-Year Rule

The Graduate School requires students who do not defend the dissertation within five years after passing the preliminary examination to take a second preliminary exam and to be re-admitted to candidacy. Students who will not defend before this deadline must petition the Graduate School prior to defending the dissertation.

Final Review/Depositing the Dissertation

The Graduate School issues strict guidelines regarding the formatting of dissertations. To ensure that the dissertation is formatted properly, students should consult the Graduate School's detailed guidelines online.

After successfully defending the dissertation and passing departmental review, the student must deposit the dissertation, following the Graduate School's guidelines online.

The Ph.D. in History or HSMT is conferred after the student successfully defends the dissertation, deposits the dissertation, and has paid all tuition and fees. Failure to follow closely the rules on formatting and instructions for deposit may delay your degree.

As a courtesy, students should give their committee members a copy of the final (deposited) dissertation. Be sure to inquire whether they prefer a printed or digital copy of the final dissertation.

Embargo on Electronic Publication

As a matter of general policy, the UW makes all dissertations public in electronic form shortly after they are approved. However, an "embargo" may be requested. Because a publicly available dissertation may be a less attractive prospect to potential publishers, students should consider requesting an embargo of their dissertation to protect their scholarly futures and to assure their ability to compete in the publishing market. Currently the Graduate School permits students to request an embargo of up to two years at the time of deposit. If you need more than two years, you must request an extension before the embargo period expires. For more information, contact the Graduate School.

Commencement

Students are not required to attend the official UW-Madison doctoral commencement, but any student wishing to participate must complete an "Apply to Graduate" application, available in the Student Center via MyUW.

Graduates are normally accompanied by a faculty escort. If the major professor is not able to serve as escort, other dissertation committee members or department faculty may serve.

When that is not possible, the marshals at commencement are prepared to perform the ceremonial function on behalf of the University.

In addition to the official UW commencement ceremony, the Department of History holds a hooding ceremony and formal dinner for students receiving a Ph.D. in History and HSMT. This invitation-only event is held on Saturday following the UW Friday doctoral commencement, and is open to graduates and their advisors, as well as immediate family members, and other guests. Contact the Graduate Advisor for details.

Effective Date of Degree

The student must defend and deposit the dissertation before the last Friday of the semester in order to have the degree recorded as received in that semester. Contact the graduate staff for additional details.

The History of Science, Medicine, and Technology Graduate Degree

HSMT degree program students should attend the History of Science Brown Bag and Colloquium. The colloquium series and weekly "brown bag" lunchtime talks are critical components of the program's intellectual culture. Regular attendance at these events is expected of all graduate students in residence (and required of first-year students), even when the topic is not related to the student's area of interest.

The HSMT faculty reviews the progress of all HSMT degree students on an annual basis. The **First-Year Review** occurs at the beginning of the second year of graduate work. Students should confirm or reconstitute their advising team with at least two faculty members (two co-advisors). If changing advisors, students are advised to consult with the faculty members(s) before adding them to their new list. Address advising details in the self-assessment.

To facilitate this review, students are required to submit a portfolio as described below, preferably electronically. This review is designed to ensure that students are getting the advice and support they need to complete the M.A. successfully. Students will receive written comments summarizing the review. At the beginning of their second year (i.e., by the beginning of the faculty contract year - see UW Academic Calendar), M.A. students are to submit a portfolio to the Graduate Program Manager for review by the HSMT faculty. The portfolio should include:

- A roughly one-page self-assessment of the student's progress during the first year, discussing the student's strengths and areas requiring further improvement. There is no fixed format for the self-assessment, but typical topics would include writing, research and historiography,
- An unofficial course transcript,
- A research paper completed during the first year of the M.A. program, and
- Identification of possible area(s) of interest for the M.A. paper.

For details on the **Second-Year Review**, see below.

Every year thereafter, students must submit a brief progress report to the Graduate Program Manager by March 1. This is typically one, single-spaced page. Before the prelim examination, the student should focus the report on progress towards completing the requirements for prelims (minor, relevant additional coursework, preparation for prelims.) After passing prelims, the report should detail progress toward the dissertation—for example, archives visited, materials gathered, databases created, and chapter drafts produced. The report should also describe other scholarly work, such as teaching, presenting conference papers, and the like. If funding problems or teaching responsibilities have slowed progress on the dissertation, these may also be addressed in the report. Students should consult with their major professor for specific advice on the content of the report. After the dissertation committee is formed, all committee members should receive a copy of the progress report. This report, which helps the faculty make funding recommendations and gauge satisfactory progress, is due along with the Financial Support form, which is required of all students.

Students will receive written comments on their annual progress reports, aimed at helping them formulate an effective professional development plan for the upcoming year in light of their progress to date and any challenges they have encountered. Advisors are responsible for compiling feedback from the student’s committee members and the HSMT program faculty, and providing it to the student.

The HSMT Master's Degree

General Requirements

The M.A. degree is the first milestone in the HSMT degree program and serves as the gateway to the Ph.D. Students wishing to attain doctoral candidacy must have an M.A. in HSMT or its equivalent.

To earn an HSMT M.A., all graduate students must:

- Complete 30 graduate credits. See Credits below.
- Write a research paper in the first year based on primary sources. Students may need to request the opportunity to write a research paper (as opposed to a historiographic or literature paper) from one of their professors.
- Meet the M.A. paper requirement (an approximately 9,000-word research paper).
- Obtain certification of proficiency in French, German, or an approved alternative. (See HSMT Degree Ph.D. Language Requirements, p. 42 and Competence Levels and Methods of Satisfying the Requirement, p. 21.) Advisors will be in charge of giving permission on language substitutions for grad students in HSMT, but advisors may NOT waive a language requirement.
- Pass the Second-Year Review.

Credits

The Graduate School requires students to complete a minimum of 30 credits of graduate-level coursework for the M.A., (Minimum Total Credits, p. 9). For the HSMT M.A., at least 18 of these credits must be completed in residence at UW-Madison. At least 22 credits must be HSMT graduate-level courses, comprising courses numbered 700 or above, or courses numbered 300-699 having a 50% graduate coursework requirement. A grade of B or better must be received in all courses.

The 22 graduate-level HSMT credits must include:

- Hist Sci 720
- History 701, taken during the first year of graduate work.
- History 800 or an equivalent research seminar.
- HSMT coursework must cover the following six distribution areas (see the Requirements tab in Guide for a detailed course list: https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/history/history-science-medicine-technology-ma/#requirementstext). Courses may count towards more than one distribution area. With advisor approval, special topics courses may count towards the distribution areas.
    - Temporal: 1) Pre 1800 and 2) 1800 to present
    - Topical: 3) Science/technology and 4) Medicine/public health
    - Geographic: 5) Global/non-Western and 6) Euro-American
- A minimum of 3 graduate seminars, in addition to 720 and 800. Two of these seminars must be HSMT courses.

- Up to 3 credits of Hist Sci 999 or Med Hist 999 independent study may count towards the 22-credit requirement. Any additional independent study credits must be approved by the advisor.

M.A. Paper Requirement

The paper is to be a research paper, which in form, content, and length is to approximate an article that might be submitted for publication in a history of science journal. It should be approximately 9,000 and no more than 10,000 words long, exclusive of notes. In most cases, the M.A. paper is the outgrowth of a course or seminar paper or of work begun in History 800 and revised under the guidance of the M.A. advisor while enrolled in 990 credits. It should represent about six credits of effort. Students normally work closely with their M.A. advisor in researching and writing the M.A. paper; students are also encouraged to consult with other faculty in the HSMT degree program.

All HSMT faculty evaluate the M.A. papers (see Second-Year Review below), using standard criteria for historical research. Different papers might balance these differently, but all should be reflected in the paper. These criteria include:

- Formulation of a research question (a question that is historical, right-sized, answerable, and connected in some way to extant scholarship);
- Research (expansiveness of primary [and secondary] source searching and examination; finding and using sources relevant to your question);
- Historiography (situating your topic in relation to existing literature);
- Argumentation (relation between claim and evidence; logic; analysis);
- Writing structure (organization, transitional sentences, signposting, clear thesis statement, good intro and conclusion); and
- Writing style (correct grammar and punctuation; style: graceful sentence structure, variety of word use).
- Documentation: Citations should follow the footnote style in Kate Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (latest edition), but without a separate list of works cited. Quotations in the body of the paper should be translated into English.

Second-Year Review

Students are evaluated for the M.A. degree and for continuation in the Graduate Program at the end of the fourth semester (or earlier if they choose). The review is conducted by the HSMT faculty, 3 of whom must be designated as signatories for the M.A. degree.

The faculty's review includes a conversation about the student's performance, progress in the program, and future plans. The student does not attend this meeting.

To pass the Second-Year Review, students must:

- Complete the first-year research paper based on primary sources.
- Complete the M.A. paper in the Department of History.
- Fulfill one language requirement.

- Complete a minimum of 30 graduate credits, including History 701 and 800 and Hist Sci 720. Should the student have received one or more grades of "B" or below or more than two grades of "AB" in History or HSMT courses, the HSMT faculty will solicit additional information about the student's performance from the instructor(s) of the class(es).
- Clear all incompletes by the end of the term during which the Second-Year Review is conducted.
- Submit a list of prelim fields and a timeline for completing prelims.
- Receive a positive endorsement from the HSMT faculty. The faculty's assessment is guided by the Second-Year Review Evaluation Form.

At the Second-Year Review, the committee will take one of the following actions:

- Approve the M.A. degree and authorize the student to prepare for the preliminary examination. At the committee's discretion, the student's research paper may also be nominated for the Kate Everest Levi Second-Year Paper Prize (p. 56).
- Approve the M.A. degree as a terminal degree (i.e., not permit the student to proceed in the graduate degree program).
- Recommend that the student not pass the Second-Year Review and be dropped from the graduate degree program.
- Postpone the Second-Year Review decision until a later date (no longer than one academic-year semester beyond the original review). In this case, the Review Committee will compose a brief statement outlining what is expected of the student and within what time frame.

Following the committee's review, the student's advisor will meet with the student to convey the committee's main conclusions and suggestions.

Students may appeal the HSMT faculty's decision by writing to the Director of Graduate Studies within two weeks of the decision. The appeal is reviewed by the Graduate Council in Executive Session; it will solicit additional information from the HSMT faculty.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation with the Graduate Council, may postpone the Second-Year review for one semester.

Students who do not pass the Second-Year Review within the specified time and without a Graduate Council-approved extension will lose their eligibility for departmental support. This eligibility will be restored once the student passes the Second-Year Review.

Students Entering with an M.A.

Students entering with an M.A. from another institution may advance to the prelim stage early in their first semester with the approval of the HSMT faculty. This option is only available to those who have written an M.A. thesis or a longer research paper and who wish to use it to satisfy the research seminar and paper requirement for the Second-Year Review requirements.

Entering students who have written an M.A. thesis or a longer research paper and who wish to use it to satisfy the MA paper requirement in the HSMT degree program at UW-Madison should submit it to the Graduate Program Manager as soon as possible following their commitment to matriculate. The Manager will forward it to all of the HSMT faculty. Two HSMT faculty will review the paper and make a recommendation as to its acceptability at the first HSMT program meeting in the fall. The HSMT faculty

as a whole will determine whether the paper meets the requirement, and will notify the Graduate Program Manager and the student of the decision.

Students who do not meet the research paper requirement or who have not written a longer research paper are required to write an approximately 9,000-word research paper in the History Department by enrolling either in a research seminar or in History of Science 990 (page 40). For students entering with an outside M.A., the Second-Year Review shall take place no later than the fourth semester in residence.

Students entering with an approved outside M.A. will participate in the First-Year Assessment after the first year in the program.

Note: Students entering with an approved outside M.A. must take and/or demonstrate previous coursework in all M.A. required courses, adhering to the credits in residence at UW requirements (page 39). Students entering with an approved outside M.A. thesis will need to write a new research paper (as detailed above) if they desire to be awarded an M.A. from the UW HSMT program.

M.A. Degree for Students Entering with an Advanced Health Professional Degree

An M.A. degree with a specialization in History of Medicine is designed for students with doctoral training in one of the health professions who wish to pursue a Master's degree in the history of medicine.

To earn an M.A. in the history of medicine, students must:

- Complete 30 graduate credits, of which at least 21 must be HSMT graduate-level courses. A grade of B or better must be received in all courses.
    - Only courses in History of Science or Medical History numbered 700 or above, or courses numbered 300-699 in which graduate students are always assessed separately from undergraduate students, may count toward the 21-credit requirement.
    - The 30 credits must include the following courses:
        - HSMT 720, taken during the first year of graduate work;
        - HSMT 504, 507, 508, and 901;
        - An additional History of Medicine course;
        - An additional History of Science course (300-600 level or above);
        - An additional seminar in History of Medicine, History of Science, or History; and
        - One approved elective
- Complete an M.A. paper during the fourth semester in the Graduate Program. The paper is due on the first Monday of April of the fourth semester.

Special Note: For students entering with an advanced health professional degree, there is no foreign language requirement for the M.A. degree. However, graduate students must demonstrate proficiency in French, German, or an approved alternative in order to be admitted to the Ph.D. program. (Proficiency in two foreign languages is required for earning the Ph.D.) Those students intending to pursue a Ph.D. degree should anticipate these requirements.

Students can apply up to 6 credits from previous professional advanced degree work in one of the health professions from UW-Madison or other institutions toward the M.A. degree. If only 3 credits are transferred, these will count as one course towards the M.A. requirements. No credits earned more than 5 years before admission to the M.A. program may be used.

The HSMT Degree Ph.D. Language Requirements

For description of competence levels and methods of satisfying language requirements, see the History degree program's Ph.D. Language Requirements, p. 21.

The HSMT Ph.D. requires proficiency in a foreign language and either a second foreign language or the use of an analytical tool as described below. Students who are working toward a degree as part of a combined M.D./Ph.D. program only need to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language.

Students must demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English in order to pass the Second-Year Review. Students must also demonstrate proficiency in either a second language other than English or the use of an analytical tool (e.g. statistical methods, visual culture methods, ethnography) before achieving dissertator (ABD) status. If a student chooses the option of an analytical tool, the student must submit a proposal to be approved by the HSMT faculty. Once approved, the student must complete 9 credits (or the equivalent) appropriate to gaining competency in the use of this set of tools. Students must make at least a 3.0 (B grade or better) in these courses. Credits taken towards a graduate minor may not be used towards the completion of the analytical tool option.

The HSMT Degree Minor

HSMT students must meet the same requirements for the minor as students in the History degree program (see p. 23), except that the distributed minor (Option B) requires 12 credits.

Minor Requirements for Non-HSMT Majors

Students in other degree programs who wish to pursue a minor in HSMT must reach agreement on an appropriate plan of study with an HSMT faculty member in the History Department, who serves as the minor advisor. This agreement must be in place and approved by the Graduate Program Manager and the Director of Graduate Studies prior to the beginning of coursework.

The minor must consist of 9 credits of graduate-level work. Students are encouraged to take at least 6 credits of this work in graduate seminars and may take no more than 3 credits in undergraduate courses. Hist Sci 990 may not be used to fulfill the minor requirement. The minor field may include up to 3 credits of History 999 (Independent Work), provided that the student produces at least 15 pages of written work.

The Department of History's "Minor Agreement for Non-HSMT Majors" form is available on the Graduate Program website.

The HSMT Degree Preliminary Examination

The preliminary examination tests students' mastery of their chosen areas of specialization. At the most basic level, students should be able to understand and articulate the most significant historical and historiographical trends that shape the field. Further, students should be able to use that understanding to challenge aspects of the field, to reconsider or redraw its boundaries, to map and manipulate its content, and to assess its significance in their future scholarship.

The preliminary examinations also should prepare students to teach the field at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. As a result, the exams may ask questions that test a student's ability to organize and translate this field for use in the classroom.

The third goal is the discovery of useful models of scholarship. As students prepare for their exams, they will be exposed to different theoretical and methodological approaches to various topics. During this process, students should be on the lookout for work that will serve as models for their own scholarship.

For full details on the HSMT preliminary examination, see the History Degree Preliminary Examination, p. 25, and note the following:.

- The syllabus should include the course title, learning objectives, organizing structures, weekly subjects, lecture topics, and readings. The syllabus must be accompanied by an explanatory essay or extensive annotation of between 1,250-2,500 words. The syllabus should be the original work of the student, but it can be refined in consultation with faculty.
- The dissertation proposal is due before the end of the semester following that in which the written exams were taken. It shall be submitted to a committee consisting of the lead advisor and two other faculty members chosen by the student in consultation with the lead advisor. When this committee has determined that the prospectus is of sufficient quality to warrant a defense, the committee shall meet with the student to discuss the project.

Preparing for Prelims

Prelim preparation begins with a list of readings, created by the student and the faculty member supervising the field. This list may be based primarily on the professor's recommendations, or it might reflect the student's research in the literature. The final list should reflect roughly 50-75 books or an equivalent mix of books and articles. (Some lists may be significantly longer with the understanding that not all the texts listed must be read in their entirety.) Faculty members approach these exams with a variety of expectations. For example, some faculty members focus on history, while others stress historiography. Some faculty members encourage regular meetings to talk about the texts, while others see prelims as an opportunity for students to wrestle with the material independently. Students should clarify faculty expectations early in the process.

Evaluation of Preliminary Examinations

For more general guidelines see Evaluation of Preliminary Examinations in the History degree section, p. 28.

HSMT students will be judged on the quality of their written and oral exams and of their syllabus. The relative weight of these elements varies. A weak essay can be overcome by a strong oral exam, and a weak oral is unlikely to overshadow a stellar essay. There are three possible outcomes of the examination:

- "Pass"
    - A passing essay should be well written, showing the ability to organize an essay, develop an argument, and marshal supporting evidence; demonstrate a clear understanding of the key debates, issues, and developments in the field; and be more than a summary of events or historiographical approaches. It should be both synthetic and analytic.
    - To pass the oral examination, the student must demonstrate an ability to expand upon the ideas and claims made in the written essay, respond to challenges, and think about the field and its content beyond the material covered in the written exam.
- "Pass with Distinction"
    - Exams that meet and exceed these expectations may pass with distinction by demonstrating, for example, a remarkable level of intellectual dexterity or analytical sophistication.
    - To earn "distinction," the examinations must be outstanding in two of the three fields.
- "Fail" – Exams that fail to meet these standards in full or in part will fail.

The HSMT Degree Ph.D. Dissertation

See the History Degree Ph.D. Dissertation, p.33.

Students who wish to donate a bound copy of their dissertation to the HSMT library should discuss this option with their advisor.

Other Degree Options

Bridge Program with African American Studies

Purpose

The Bridge Program is an academic partnership between the Department of African American Studies and the Department of History. It is designed to allow students to complete the M.A. in African American Studies and the Ph.D. in the History degree program: students simultaneously meet the basic course requirements of the History M.A., while completing the M.A. in African American Studies with a specialization in History.

Although the Bridge Program is designed to attract and retain talented students who are members of underrepresented groups and to strengthen and support their presence in the profession of history, it is open to all applicants.

Admissions, Advisor, Requirements

Students may apply concurrently to the two departments, or they may apply to the History Department after they begin their program in African American Studies (usually in the fall of the first or second M.A. year).

As soon as a student is admitted to the Bridge Program, a History degree program faculty member from the field of study that the student expects to enter will be designated as academic advisor. This faculty member advises the student on History degree program's requirements (History 701, languages, minor, etc.) and any field-specific requirements to ensure that some of these requirements are met while the student is completing an M.A. in African American Studies. For their M.A. work in African American Studies, Bridge students should choose History as their major area and the Plan A (thesis) option. While completing the M.A., they are expected to take at least 2 graduate-level seminars in the Department of History. The History advisor typically sits on the student's African American Studies M.A. thesis committee.

Approval of the M.A.

Once the M.A. in African American Studies is completed, the Bridge student's History Department advisor will evaluate it as an outside M.A. and indicate clearly whether the student's M.A. work meets the requirements of the student's History field or whether additional work must be done.

History Ph.D. Requirements

Students may count courses taken as a Master's student in African American Studies that are not in their major area toward their Ph.D. minor requirement, as appropriate. In all other respects, Bridge students will meet the normal requirements of their History field (e.g., regarding preliminary examinations, language requirements, and the minor).

For more information, interested students may contact History's Graduate Program Manager or the History faculty members with whom they envision working.

Joint Ph.D. in History and History of Science, Medicine, and Technology

After completion of a master's degree in History or History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, the student applies for admission to the other graduate program and, at the same time, to a standing committee of the two degree programs for admission to the joint program. Having been admitted to the other degree program and to the Joint Ph.D. program, the student then applies to the Graduate School

for approval of the joint Ph.D. The student's application to the standing committee should take the same form as required by the Graduate School and should be prepared in close consultation with department faculty and the Graduate Program Manager.

Students in the joint Ph.D. program are assigned a home degree program and follow the regulations of that program with regard to seminar requirements, language requirements, financial aid, and regulations for satisfactory progress. Since the joint Ph.D. meets the doctoral minor requirement of the Graduate School, no formal minor is required of students receiving a joint Ph.D. However, students who wish to have a minor field recorded on the transcript may complete a regular Option A or Option B minor.

The joint Ph.D. student's work is supervised by a committee consisting of three faculty members (two from the home degree program). The preliminary examinations test the student's competence in both history and history of science, medicine, and technology, balancing the material and fields between the two programs (e.g., two prelim fields in each, or three fields in one and two in the other). The number of prelim fields must equal the number required of students majoring exclusively in History or in History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, **plus one**. Preparation of the Ph.D. dissertation is guided by the student's supervising committee. Satisfactory completion and defense of the dissertation constitute the final requirements for the joint Ph.D. degree.

For more information about Joint Ph.D. options, please contact the Graduate Program Manager.

Other Joint Ph.D. Degrees

Graduate students at UW-Madison have the option to pursue a Joint Ph.D. that ties together studies in two departments (one degree, two majors). Among popular choices in recent years are a Joint Ph.D. in History and Educational Policy Studies (EPS) and the Joint Ph.D. in History and History of Science, Medicine, and Technology (HSMT). Students admitted to a joint Ph.D. will satisfy all the normal requirements of their field of study in the Department of History except for the minor requirement.

Please review the Graduate School's policy on joint degrees for more information and deadlines.

Professional Development

American Historical Association

The American Historical Association, historians' premier professional association, offers graduate students deeply subsidized memberships, the benefits of which include a subscription to the *American Historical Review* and *Perspectives on History* as well as free access to Interfolio (see Letters of Recommendation/Placement File below).

Your Social Media/Web Presence

Building a professional presence on social media and the web has become widespread practice among historians. We encourage you to develop the skills to make effective use of social media and the internet in your research and teaching.

With your permission, the Department will create a profile page for you on its website. See our Current Graduate Students page and click on students' names to view their web profiles. To create or change your profile, click on Student Profile Update Form. If you have your own website, we can link to it from your departmental profile.

In using social media, please take note of the UW's policies, which are available at https://universityrelations.wisc.edu/policies-and-guidelines/social-media/. These lay out guidelines regarding, e.g., confidentiality and privacy, the "do not harm" principle, and transparency – that are essential to keep firmly in mind when using social media. Students working as teaching assistants must abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) – see https://registrar.wisc.edu/ferpa/.

Professional Development Seminar (History 710)

This topics seminar is offered every semester. It emphasizes building skills that are valuable both inside and outside the academy, such as managing the writing process, teaching college history, or communicating historical research to a broad, non-specialist audience. Since it is a topics course, more than one may be offered in a given semester. Recent topics include "Designing Courses", "Writing Funding Proposals", "Dissertation Chapter Writing", and "On the Job Market".

Workshops and Support Groups

Throughout the year, the Graduate Program organizes workshops and peer support groups to help students negotiate program milestones and assist them in preparing for the job market. The Preliminary Examination Support Group meets weekly to discuss reading lists and note-taking, share past questions, and offer encouragement.

If you have ideas about workshops that would be of broad interest to your peers, please share those ideas with the Graduate Program Project Assistants.

Careers in History

The History Department is committed to helping its graduates seek and secure employment following the completion of their Ph.D. While the Graduate Program continues to provide outstanding preparation for academic jobs, we also encourage our students to think more broadly about their career prospects and the transferability of their skills.

A number of our Ph.D.s have enjoyed considerable success outside the academy. They include recent graduates who are currently, for example, a museum curator, teachers at prestigious preparatory academies, a historian with the U.S. Secretary of Defense's POW/Missing Persons Agency, a CEO of an investment firm, an analyst for a defense contractor, an editor at a small press, and consultants working with non-profits in the human services, education, and public policy fields. As funds permit, we occasionally bring to campus History graduates who are working in the non-profit, private, or public-sector to meet with current graduate students and share their experience.

Much of the preparation for the job market occurs informally and over the course of the student's graduate career—in the mentoring relationship between faculty advisor and student, in the presentation of student research in department venues, in the student's participation in professional conferences, and in early forms of professional publication. Coursework, such as for the minor requirement or certificates, can be an avenue to expanded competencies. Be sure to explore the Graduate School's resources such as "The Versatile PhD" and its "DiscoverPD" professional development website.

Whatever career paths interest you, we encourage you to plan ahead and discuss your options—early and often—with your faculty advisor(s), with the Director of Graduate Studies, or with the Graduate Program Manager or the department's Career Advisor.

As students approach the completion of the dissertation, they should confer closely with their major advisors on the process of job placement, including strategies for setting up and using a placement file, for soliciting letters of recommendation, and for preparing materials that prospective employers may request at various stages of the process.

Letters of Recommendation/Placement File

The Graduate School recommends that you use the services of Interfolio, which offers on-line, confidential delivery of your CV, transcripts, letters of reference and other credentials to search committees. Special note: Membership in the American Historical Association includes free access to Interfolio (see above).

Financial Support

Introduction

Financial support through UW-Madison or the History Department comes in several forms: fellowships, teaching and project assistantships, travel grants, and prizes. This section offers a summary of the various kinds of support and their administration.

The Department accepts only those students to whom it can offer a multi-year guarantee of support. These guarantees may vary by funding source, degree program or field, and other circumstance, and they are contingent on satisfactory progress and performance. We also occasionally accept students who have external sources of support.

Administration

Responsibility for administering fellowships, travel grants, and prizes lies with the Fellowships and Scholarship Committee (F&S). Headed by the Director of Graduate Studies, the committee consists of three additional faculty members plus the Graduate Program Manager. Meeting periodically during the year, the committee nominates students for extra-departmental fellowship competitions, awards fellowships and grants from the History Department's trust funds, and reviews petitions regarding all aspects of funding.

Teaching assistantships are administered by the Joint Committee on TAs (JCOTA), which is assisted by the Graduate Program Manager. Responsibility for selecting project assistants lies with individual faculty members.

Students should direct questions regarding financial support to the Graduate Program Manager or the Director of Graduate Studies.

Student Responsibilities

The Graduate Program Staff makes every effort to keep student funding files up to date, but ultimate responsibility for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of one's file rests with the student. Students are also responsible for knowing the regulations governing financial support, for raising any questions concerning their eligibility for support, and for submitting applications on time.

Please note these major deadlines:

- November 1st —applications are due for teaching assistantships to be held in the spring term (for those who did not file an application the previous March for the entire academic year).
- March 1st —applications for teaching assistantships for the upcoming academic year and for departmental fellowships for the upcoming academic year.

General Regulations

Eligibility for Financial Support

Eligibility for any kind of financial support depends upon the student's making satisfactory progress in the Graduate Program. (See Definition of Satisfactory Progress, p. 11).

Multi-Year Funding and Limits on Financial Support

The Department provides support from departmental sources (TAs, PAs, and department fellowships) as well as University fellowships for at least 10 semesters. Students beyond the limits guaranteed in their funding package may be offered TA/PA positions depending on availability.

The following kinds of support *count* towards guaranteed funding:

- All History Department support, including awards supported by the George L. Mosse program and TA/PA positions, depending on availability.
- University fellowships, including CGRS, FLAS, and other campus awards for which the History Department nominates students, provided that the award covers at least 50% of a one-semester departmental fellowship.

The following awards *do not count* towards guaranteed funding:

- External fellowships (e.g., Fulbright, DAAD, ACLS, Spencer, etc.)
- Campus TA/PA positions with non-History faculty and staff.
- Campus awards that provide less than 50% of a one-semester fellowship.
- Travel grants
- Emergency aid

Special Notes on Eligibility Time Limits

The Graduate Council may waive eligibility rules only in exceptional cases (e.g., extended illness or military service). Students who have taken a formal leave of absence from the Graduate Program in History may petition the Graduate Council to have their eligibility extended. A student on a multi-year aid package may retain the package during an approved leave of absence of no more than one year.

Note that none of these provisions supersedes the Graduate School's rule that students must complete the Ph.D. within five years of passing prelims (see The Five-Year Rule, p. 35).

Holding Fellowships and Assistantships Concurrently

University regulations may permit recipients of some University awards to hold an assistantship concurrently. However, the Graduate Program does not permit students to hold History administered appointments concurrently with other UW appointments that carry tuition remission.

Students who hold external fellowships or grants that include both out-of-state tuition remission and a stipend are not eligible for TAships while they hold such awards.

Reporting Outside Income

University rules prohibit students from receiving aid totaling more than 75% of full-time employment (30 hours per week) without permission from the Dean of Letters and Science.

To help ensure that graduate students do not exceed this limit, the Department asks all students to report to the Graduate Program Manager any employment or financial support they receive from any University source outside the History Department. This information also helps us to better understand our students' evolving financial circumstances.

We appreciate being informed when students receive outside fellowships, scholarships, and awards, although students are not required to report to the History Department any income earned outside the University (i.e., funding not paid by or disbursed through the University). This information helps us to track the successes of our students, and general information on these sources is passed on to other students, when appropriate, to let them know of opportunities available in their field of study.

Fellowships and Scholarships

Applications and Announcements

Students are encouraged to apply for a variety of awards granted by University, departmental, and outside sources. The Graduate Program publicizes notices of both University and outside competitions via email.

Criteria for Evaluating Applicants

When the Fellowships and Scholarships Committee evaluates applicants for departmental and other fellowships, it does so according to the following criteria:

- Creativity – strong evidence of creative thinking, e.g., in framing research questions, in the choice of primary sources, in use of primary sources, or in interpreting evidence
- Breadth – able to articulate the broader significance of their work to scholars in other fields or in other disciplines
- Preparation – the student is developing (or has developed) the skills (language, methodological, analytical) needed to pursue his/her research interests
- Progress to degree – based on our administrative records, the student is on track to meet our benchmarks of progress

Types of Awards

The following is a partial list of major awards, organized by type:

UW Fellowships and Awards

FLAS (Foreign Language Area Studies) Title VI

These fellowships, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, are designed to encourage advanced training in designated critical languages and related fields. A list of the eligible languages offered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and application information are available online.

Research Travel Awards

These University awards are for dissertators traveling to conduct dissertation research both domestic and international. Details are available on the Graduate School's website.

Conference Presentation Awards

These University awards are for students traveling to present research at domestic or international conferences. For details on this year's competition, see the Graduate School's website.

History Department Fellowships and Awards

The F&S Committee draws on a combination of University and departmental funds to provide support for graduate students. The overall level of support that we are able to provide in a given year depends largely on the financial condition of the Department's trust funds that generous donors have provided and on current student needs. Among departmental awards are:

Named Departmental Fellowships

These awards reflect the generosity of alumni, emeriti faculty, and friends of the Department or the Graduate School. The HSMT degree program's awards include the John Neu Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, the David and Greta Lindberg Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, and the William Coleman

Dissertation Fellowship. These awards typically provide stipend, tuition, and eligibility to enroll in a University health insurance plan.

Teaching Fellowships

The Department is pleased to be able to offer teaching fellowships supported by generous donors. These lectureships enable students to teach a course of their own devising. They provide tuition, stipend, and eligibility for health insurance.

In awarding teaching fellowships, the F&S Committee considers the applicant's progress toward the degree as well as the overall academic record and prior performance as a TA.

William J. Courtenay Lectureship

Created by the distinguished medieval historian, William J. Courtenay, a long-time member of the History Department, this one-semester lectureship is awarded to an outstanding graduate student who is an advanced dissertator within a semester or two of completing the dissertation. It is open to students in ancient, medieval, or early modern European history.

Merle Curti Graduate Lectureships

Established to honor Professor Merle Eugene Curti, a scholar of American history and a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, these one-semester lectureships are awarded once every two years (funds permitting). The competition is open to all fields of study.

Candidates must be advanced graduate students in the History Department who are either within two semesters of completing their dissertation or who received their Ph.D. in the academic year previous to the one in which they will hold the lectureship and lack regular professional employment.

George L. Mosse Teaching Fellowship in European History

Established to honor Professor George L. Mosse, an internationally renowned European cultural historian, these academic-year awards are granted to outstanding graduate students who are advanced dissertators within a semester or two of completing the dissertation. The award consists of a one-semester fellowship (under the guidance of an appropriate faculty member) to create a course and a one-semester appointment as a lecturer to offer the course. This lectureship is awarded as investment returns permit. In recent years it has been offered every other year.

Dissertation Research Travel Awards

Departmental Dissertation Research Travel awards help cover the costs of domestic and international travel. History Department competitions for Dissertation Research Travel (DRT) awards are held every year in **March** and **November**. Students may receive a maximum of two DRT awards to defray the costs of domestic and international dissertation research; only one may be for international travel.

Conference Travel

Students who entered the program *in Fall 2022 and prior,* are eligible for three conference travel awards that cover 75% of transportation costs when they present a paper at an academic conference. Students who entered the program in *Fall 2023 or after*, receive professional development funds to support conference and research travel. These funds are distributed in annual increments and are accruable from year to year.

For further information on fellowships and grants awarded by the History Department, see Funding – Current Students on our website.

External Fellowships and Grants

The Department strongly encourages students to apply for any external awards for which they may be eligible, especially those funded by major foundations and scholarly associations.

Announcements of major award competitions are posted and publicized via email. Students can also obtain information on the Graduate Program website and from the Memorial Library Grants Information Center.

External Opportunities Fund

To encourage students to pursue external funding, the Department has established the External Opportunities Fund (EOF). This fund provides supplemental support in those cases where major external grants do not fully cover tuition, fees, and benefits or when grantors require the University to provide such supplements. Students who have applied for major external funding should submit an application for an EOF supplement by March 1st even if they will not be notified of the results of the competition until later.

Graduate Assistantships

This section describes the policies and procedures that govern assistantships in the Department of History.

Teaching Assistantships (TAships)

TAs attend lectures, do substantial portions of the grading, and lead discussion sections in undergraduate lecture courses. They normally teach 3 or 4 weekly, fifty-minute sections per semester (41% and 50% appointments, respectively), depending on course enrollment and available funding. The number of TAships available in any semester depends both on the Department's curricular needs and on funding provided by the College of Letters & Science.

TAships with at least a 33.4% appointment level include a waiver of tuition. eligibility for health insurance, and coverage of segregated fees (for History and HSMT graduate students). They also carry a bi-weekly stipend at a level that depends on the baseline salary established by the appointment percentage. Compensation levels for Student Assistant Stipends are set by the UW.

Applications

The deadline for submitting TA applications for the following academic year is March 1st . Students who miss this date may still apply to teach in the spring semester; the deadline for this application is November 1st .

International students who are not native English speakers must take the SPEAK test if they wish to be considered for TAships. The SPEAK test is the institutional version of the Test of Spoken English (TSE), which is administered by ETS. The SPEAK test measures oral proficiency and is available only to students holding or under consideration for a TAship. UW-Madison SPEAK test information and test dates can be found at UW Madison's English as a Second Language Department website.

Selection Process

Toward the end of each semester, the Department provisionally appoints TAs for the following semester. These provisional assignments are not legal commitments; students will not receive binding contracts until the beginning of the new term. The Department makes provisional assignments based on conservative budget projections and entertains every expectation of honoring them, but assignments ultimately depend on enrollments and on the College of Letters and Science's TA budget.

Reappointment

Students with multi-year support packages receive TAships or other forms of support for as many semesters as their package allows. All other students receive TAships on a semester-by-semester basis, based on the number of positions available. For all students, including those with multi-year packages, reappointment as a TA depends upon maintaining satisfactory progress in the Graduate Program, receiving satisfactory teaching evaluations, and completing the TA trainings and diversity workshops.

Evaluation of TAs

The Joint Committee on Teaching Assistants (JCOTA) evaluates the performance of TAs in the Department. JCOTA conducts two evaluations each semester, sending standardized questionnaires to undergraduates. The first evaluation occurs during the sixth or seventh week of the term for all TAs who are teaching for the first time in the History Department or who scored an "unsatisfactory" on their final evaluation during their most recent teaching semester. The second evaluation is for all TAs and takes place towards the end of the term.

The evaluation questionnaire asks undergraduates to rate their TA's performance on a scale from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). The History Department defines satisfactory and unsatisfactory performance according to this scale. A score of 3.5 or better on the question rating a TA's overall effectiveness defines a satisfactory performance, while a score below 3.5 designates an unsatisfactory one. On the final evaluation, a mean score of 3.5 for all of the questions related to TA performance defines a satisfactory performance, while a score below 3.5 designates an unsatisfactory one.

- Faculty supervising **first-time TAs** or a returning TA with low scores on their evaluations during their most recent semester of teaching, **must visit at least one section and submit the *TA Observation Guide* to the JCOTA chair** before the end of the current semester.
- Faculty supervising **returning TAs should visit at least one section and provide feedback to their TAs.** This feedback is an integral part of how we prepare our graduate students for careers within the academy and beyond.
- If so desired, the *TA Observation Guide* can be shared with the student and submitted to the graduate staff for inclusion in the student's file.

At the mid-term, TAs whose scores are in the bottom 10% of the evaluation list, as well as all TAs scoring below 3.5, will be offered additional resources to improve their performance before the end-of-semester evaluation. The JCOTA chair and committee members may observe their sections to provide advice as well.

If a problem with a TA's performance is identified by an unsatisfactory score on the final evaluations, by a detailed expression of concern on the part of the TA's supervising professor, or by JCOTA, then the chair of JCOTA takes one of two steps:

1. Appoints a three-person review committee, consisting of two faculty members (other than the student's major professor) and a former TA to visit the TA's sections in the subsequent semester. The review committee, with approval of the JCOTA chair, writes a report to the TA, offering advice to improve the TA's performance and recommending remedial action, if necessary; or
2. Takes other appropriate action upon the advice of the JCOTA and in consultation with the course instructor.

If a TA scores an "unsatisfactory" on the final evaluation, as noted above, they also will be evaluated during the sixth and seventh week of their next semester as a TA. If the result of this evaluation is another "unsatisfactory," the JCOTA chair will ask the Graduate Council to constitute a second review committee to review the TA's performance. This committee recommends to the Council whether the student should be allowed to continue teaching or should lose all future eligibility to hold a TAship in the History Department. The Graduate Council reports the decisions to the Department's Executive Committee, which makes the final determination.

In cases of extreme dereliction of duty or unacceptable behavior in the classroom, a TA may be terminated or lose eligibility to hold future TAships after a single semester.

Other Assistantships

Project Assistantships (PAships)

Project assistants work on a professor's research project or with a special project on campus. Duties and requirements vary according to the particular position. Duties may include document management, writing research abstracts, and compiling bibliographies, while requirements may include specific language, historical field, or computer skills. PAships with at least a 33.4% appointment include a waiver of tuition, coverage of segregated fees (for History and HSMT graduate students) and pay an hourly salary on a bi-weekly basis.

Readerships (Readers/Graders)

Readers are assigned to smaller lecture courses to assist in grading papers, exams, and other coursework. They do not instruct students and do not ordinarily attend lectures, although in exceptional circumstances the supervising professor may request additional funds to allow the reader to attend lectures. Readers are paid on an hourly basis and do not receive benefits.

All graduate students are eligible for readerships. The final number of positions depends on the number of professors who submit requests for readers and on the availability of funding. (To be eligible for a readership, classes must ordinarily have at least 40 enrolled students.) Students should contact the Graduate Advisor for more information.

Short-term Lectureships

The History Department occasionally hires advanced graduate students to teach courses in their particular field of expertise to replace faculty who are on leave. Qualifications for the positions vary, as does the salary, which is set by the College of Letters and Sciences. The Department advertises lectureships on departmental bulletin boards, via email, and on the Office of Human Resources website. Ad hoc search committees make the selection for each position.

The time limits on eligibility for support do not apply to short-term lectureships. In making the award, however, the ad hoc committee considers the applicant's progress toward the degree as well as the overall academic record and prior performance as a TA.

Prizes and Awards

The Department recognizes outstanding achievement by graduate students in the areas of scholarship, teaching, and service. The Fellowships and Scholarships Committee chooses prize recipients in the fall of each academic year from papers completed in the previous academic year.

Kate Everest Levi Second-Year Paper Prize

This prize is awarded for the best research paper submitted for the Second-Year Review each academic year. Papers must be nominated for this prize by the student's review committee and supported by a letter of nomination from the committee's chair.

Sandoway Graduate Writing Prize

This prize is awarded for a paper or thesis chapter that addresses historical sources. Submissions may discuss the reasons for using particular sources and/or the criteria for robust historical sources; understanding and accessing historical sources that time and/or language have rendered obscure or fragmentary; historical study with innovative or non-traditional historical sources; or addressing how the author was motivated to pursue a line of research, or how their findings push back on standard interpretations.

Baensch Award in History

Established in honor of Judge and Mrs. Emil Baensch of Sheboygan, the Baensch Prize is awarded for "excellence in preparing theses or essays on some aspect of Wisconsin History." History Department graduate students as well as graduate students in other departments are eligible for nomination, provided that non-History Department students are nominated by a History Department faculty member. Faculty members make one nomination in each category.

Schrag Prize in German Jewish History

This prize honors the memory of Paul J. Schrag, who was an eloquent witness to the experiences of German Jewry in the twentieth century. The prize is intended to encourage and reward research on all aspects of German Jewry, understood in the broad sense of German-speaking Europe (the Kulturbereich) as well as the German Jewish diaspora (e.g., German Jews in Israel or the U.S.). This prize is awarded for the best graduate research paper on German Jewish history. Students may submit their own papers or faculty can make nominations.

Paul Glad Writing Prize

Thanks to generous funding from an alumnus, the Department of History is pleased to offer two $500 writing prizes for history papers that use film or video as primary sources. The competition is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Professor Glad, a U.S. historian, taught in our Department from 1966 – 1977. Students may self-nominate or be nominated for the prize by their advisor.

Jen Gramer Prize

The Jen Gramer Prize recognizes outstanding Second-Year papers examining European or cultural history, with preference for students with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 (or its equivalent) who are studying cultural writings on art, film, music, and/or gender studies. History faculty can nominate a paper, and/or students can self-nominate.

Citations for Distinguished Service as a Teaching Assistant

Every spring, the Department publicly recognizes TAs who have done exceptionally well on both student and faculty evaluations. Based on the nomination of faculty members, the JCOTA faculty select TA award recipients in the following categories: *Early Excellence in Teaching* (students with less than 3 semesters of teaching experience); *Excellence in Teaching* (students with more than 3 semesters of teaching experience); *Innovation in Teaching*; and *Capstone Ph.D. Teaching* (students who are within one semester of degree completion). Students need not be teaching when nominated, but they must still be currently enrolled.

Meritorious Service Citation

This award honors a graduate student who has served the History Department above and beyond their normal duties, which may include but are not limited to teaching. Any member of the Department—faculty, graduate students, or staff—may nominate a student for this award.

Other Sources of Financial Aid

Student Employment

Many opportunities exist for graduate students to find part-time employment with the History Department, in other departments in the University, at the Wisconsin Historical Society, with the UW Press, or with individual professors on an ad hoc basis.

The best way to find such employment is through the federally sponsored Work-Study Program, which helps to subsidize student employment, although students may also ask professors on their own initiative. University and off-campus job are also posted on the UW Student Job Center website.

Loans

The History Department does not make loans. However, students may apply for selected loans through the Office of Student Financial Aid.

Emergency Aid

The History Department makes one-time grants of up to $1,200 to help with exceptional and unexpected expenses. To qualify for emergency aid, applicants must face exceptional and usually unexpected expenses that they cannot meet out of available resources, expenses incurred in confronting a situation that either jeopardizes their ability to work effectively (i.e., to maintain satisfactory progress towards the degree) or that threatens to keep them out of school entirely. Requests should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies. In addition, limited funds for emergency situations are also available through the Office of Student Assistance and Support.

Appendix A

Advising Questions

Graduate students have a variety of advising resources at their disposal: their faculty advisor(s), the Graduate Program staff, and the History Department Career Advisor, as well as departmental and campus workshops, and their fellow graduate students. Mentoring styles and advisee needs vary, and the places you turn for advice will depend on those styles and needs. Here are some questions for both students and mentors to consider.

Clarifying Expectations

Frequency of advisor-advisee meetings?	Discuss
In summer months or during sabbatical?	Discuss
Relationship with co-advisors?	Discuss
Letters of recommendation, proposals	How much lead time needed?
Conduct/ethics?	Review AHA guidelines, discuss

Acquiring Skills

Time management skills (a life-long quest!)	How – tips?
Bibliographic and data management skills	How – tips?
Citation forms – footnote, bibliography	How – tips?
Analytical skills – secondary, primary sources	How – tips?
Skills in synthesis	How – tips?
Digital history skills	What, how?
Teaching experience/pedagogical training	What, how, when?
Any special, field-specific skills needed?	Discuss
Languages – required, additional?	Which, when?

Setting Goals and Meeting Benchmarks

Prepare for multiple career paths?	How, when?
Build an intellectual network	Groups or faculty on campus, professional associations?
Develop an MA research question	When, how?
Conduct MA research	When, where?
Satisfy MA research seminar requirement	History 800 or other? When?
Second-Year Review	When?
Minor requirement	Which option, what courses, when?
Prepare/revise c.v.	When? Models?
Apply for internal funding	When? Preparation needed?
Apply for external funding	When, where? Preparation needed?
Prelim prep and timeline	What fields, when?
Develop dissertation prospectus	How, when?
Conduct dissertation research	When, where, permissions required?
Submit conference proposals	Which conferences, when?
Enhance accessibility of research to other disciplines, to general public	How?
Publications	When, what venues?

Appendix B

Administrative Support

Student Profiles on the Department Website

Creating or updating your student profile can be done online by visiting the Graduate Student Profile page and clicking on "*Student Profile Update Form*." For guidance on creating your profile contact any of the graduate program staff.

Incoming Mail

All graduate students are assigned departmental mailboxes for campus and U.S. mail. Mailboxes are located on the fourth and fifth floors of the Mosse Humanities Building, directly above the History Department office (3211 Mosse Humanities). To use your departmental mailbox as your professional address, follow this template:

[Your Name]
Department of History
University of Wisconsin-Madison
[Mailbox no.] Mosse Humanities Building
455 North Park Street
Madison, WI 53706

Copiers, Printers, Scanners and Office Supplies

The Department photocopiers, printers, scanners, and office supplies are available to graduate students only when they are serving as teaching assistants. A photocopier and a color printer are located in 3211 Humanities, as well as a photocopier in 4263. Supplies for TA offices can be requested at the front desk, 3211 Humanities. We ask that students use these resources economically.

Laptops & Projectors

Laptops & Projectors are available from the front desk in 3211 Humanities for use in seminars or discussion sections.

Graduate Student Lounge

The Grad Lounge is located in 4265 Humanities and available to all graduate students. See the Graduate Advisor for more information and to reserve a key. Students are welcome to use the refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, and crockpots. Please label food stored in the fridge and wipe up any food splattered in the microwave. If you would like shelf space to store books or folders (or even hats and mittens), see a Graduate Program PA.

Appendix C

UW Graduate School – Conduct Expectations

For the Department of History's policies, see General Information – Conduct Expectations, p. 12, in this Handbook. The following paragraphs describe the University's expectations regarding professional conduct and provide definitions of academic and non-academic misconduct. Also included is a brief statement on research misconduct. For further information, see the links provided in each section.

Professional Conduct

All students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of professional behavior and ethics. Students should avoid even an appearance of improper behavior or lack of ethical standards while in Graduate School at UW-Madison. Concerns about professional conduct infractions may be handled informally between the instructor/advisor and the student. If a resolution is not achieved, graduate program representatives can be included in the discussion. Separate and apart from departmental sanctions related to professional conduct violations, a student may face campus disciplinary action in relation to the same action. Students are responsible for reading this section of the Graduate Handbook as well as the information published on relevant websites. Lack of awareness of departmental and campus policies will not excuse violations of professional conduct.

1. Professional Ethics: Students shall show respect for a diversity of opinions, perspectives and cultures; accurately represent their work and acknowledge the contributions of others; participate in and commit to related opportunities; aim to gain knowledge and contribute to the knowledge base of others; represent their profession and the program; and strive to incorporate and practice disciplinary ideals in their daily lives. Resumes/CVs must reflect accurate information.

2. Honesty and Integrity: Students shall demonstrate honesty and integrity by challenging themselves in their academic pursuits and by engaging in honest and ethical research and IRB applications—including honesty in interpretation of data, commitment to an unbiased interpretation of academic and professional endeavors; and the need to document research activities, protect subject/client confidentiality and HIPPA regulations. Students shall follow-through and pull their weight in group activities and understand where collaboration among students is or is not allowed; not plagiarize others or past work (self-plagiarism), cheat, or purposefully undermine the work of others; and avoid conflicts of interest for the duration of their time in the program.

3. Interpersonal and Workplace Relationships: Students shall interact with peers, faculty, staff and those they encounter in their professional capacity in a manner that is respectful, considerate, and professional. This includes and is not limited to attending scheduled meetings, honoring agreed upon work schedules, being on-time and prepared for work/meetings, contributing collaboratively to their teams, keeping the lines of communication open, offering prompt response to inquiries, and employing respectful use of available equipment/technology/resources. Chronic or unexplained absences are unprofessional in the workplace and could be grounds for termination or removal of funding. To facilitate the free and open exchange of ideas, feedback will be offered in a constructive manner, and the right of others to hold different opinions will be respected.

4. Commitment to Learning: Students are expected to meet their educational responsibilities. Be actively prepared for class and ready for questions and answers. Be on time for class and show courtesy during class or if you have to leave early. If possible, students should notify

the instructor at least one day in advance of a planned absence. Students who are unable to attend class are responsible for finding out what occurred that day and should not expect instructors to give them individual instruction. The pursuit of knowledge is a continuous process. Students will seek guidance and feedback from faculty mentors, strive for academic excellence, and pursue and incorporate critique, both positive and negative, in the acquisition of knowledge in order to understand and respect the community in which they work.

5. Professional Appearance: Students shall convey a positive, professional appearance and represent the program in a dignified manner. Appearance includes a person's dress, hygiene, and appropriate protocols for the environment.

This graduate program, the Graduate School, and the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards in the Division of Student Affairs uphold campus policies and procedures related to academic and non-academic misconduct. In addition, graduate students are held to the same standards of responsible conduct of research as faculty and staff. Unprofessional behavior towards clients/subjects, faculty, staff, peers and the public are significant issues in the evaluation and promotion of students. In turn, we expect the highest level of academic integrity and professional, ethical, and respectful conduct in all interactions. Students may be disciplined or dismissed from the graduate program for misconduct or disregard for professional conduct expectations regardless of their academic standing. If a professional conduct violation occurs and is not resolved by the instructor/advisor and the student, the Graduate Council Executive Committee can review the case and issue a sanction. Students can appeal Graduate Council Executive Committee decisions to the Department Chair.

Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct involves questions of academic integrity related to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility (UWS 14). Examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to:

1. claiming credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
2. using unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
3. forging or falsifying academic documents or records;
4. intentionally impeding or damaging the academic work of others;
5. engaging in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance; or
6. assisting other students in any of these acts.

For additional information regarding Academic Misconduct, consult the following:

Graduate School Policy & Procedure: Misconduct, Academic

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards provides resources for students related to cases of academic and non-academic misconduct.

Non-Academic Misconduct

The university may discipline a student for non-academic misconduct related to hate, bias, violence, sexual violence, hazing, harassment, fraud, theft, disruption, intimidation and/or other conduct violations that disrupt campus living and learning environments.

For additional information regarding Non-Academic Misconduct, consult these resources:

Graduate School Academic Policies & Procedures: Misconduct, Non-Academic

The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards provides resources for students related to cases of academic and non-academic misconduct.

Research Misconduct

Much of graduate education is carried out not in classrooms, but in other research settings, often supported by external funding sources. It can be difficult to distinguish between academic misconduct and cases of research misconduct. Graduate students are held to the same standards of responsible conduct of research as faculty and staff. The Graduate School is responsible for investigating allegations of research misconduct. This is often done in consultation with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the Human Research Protection Program as well as with federal and state agencies to monitor, investigate, determine sanctions, and train about the responsible conduct of research. For more information, contact the Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Policy, 333 Bascom Hall, (608) 262-1044.

Please see section on "Grievance Procedures and Misconduct Reporting" for further information on reporting research misconduct of others. Here are links for additional information regarding Research Misconduct and Responsible Conduct:

Graduate School Policies & Procedures: Responsible Conduct of Research

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education's Office of Research Policy: Introduction & Guide to Resources on Research Ethics

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education's Office of Research Policy: Policies, Responsibilities, and Procedures: Reporting Misconduct

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education's Office of Research Policy: Policies, Responsibilities, and Procedures: Responsible Conduct of Research Resources

Appendix D

UW Grievance Procedures & Reporting Misconduct & Crime

For the Department of History's resources and procedures, see General Information – Grievance Procedures, p. 12, in this Handbook. The following paragraphs, modified to take account of our departmental processes, describe the University's policies and procedures.

Grievance Procedures

If a student feels unfairly treated or aggrieved by faculty, staff, or another student, the University offers several avenues to resolve the grievance. Students' concerns about unfair treatment are best handled directly with the person responsible for the objectionable action. If the student is uncomfortable making direct contact with the individual(s) involved, they should contact the advisor or the person in charge of the unit where the action occurred (program or department chair, section chair, lab manager, etc.). Many departments and schools/colleges have established specific procedures for handling such situations; check their web pages and published handbooks for information. If such procedures exist at the local level, these should be investigated first. For more information see the Graduate School Academic Policies & Procedures: Grievances & Appeals.

Procedures for proper accounting of student grievances:

1. The student is encouraged to speak first with the person toward whom the grievance is directed to see if a situation can be resolved at this level.
2. Should a satisfactory resolution not be achieved, the student should contact any member of the Department of History's Harassment and Discrimination Committee to discuss the grievance. This committee member will facilitate problem resolution through informal channels and will facilitate any complaints or issues of students. The first attempt is to help students informally address the grievance prior to any formal complaint. Students are also encouraged to talk with their faculty advisors regarding concerns or difficulties if necessary.
3. University resources for sexual harassment, discrimination, disability accommodations, and other related concerns can be found on the UW Office of Equity and Diversity website. Other campus resources include:
    - The Graduate School
    - McBurney Disability Resource Center
    - Employee Assistance Office
    - Ombuds Office
    - University Health Services
4. If the issue is not resolved to the student's satisfaction the student can submit the grievance to the chair of the Harassment and Discrimination Committee in writing, within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.
5. On receipt of a written complaint, the chair of the Harassment and Discrimination Committee will convene the full committee to manage the grievance. The committee will obtain a written response from the person toward whom the complaint is directed. This response will be shared with the person filing the grievance.
6. The Harassment and Discrimination Committee will determine a decision regarding the grievance. The chair of the committee will report on the action taken by the committee in

writing to both the student and the party toward whom the complaint was directed within 15 working days from the date the complaint was received.

7. At this point, if either party (the student or the person toward whom the grievance is directed) is unsatisfied with the decision of the Harassment and Discrimination Committee, the party may file a written appeal. Either party has 10 working days to file a written appeal to the School/College.
8. Documentation of the grievance will be stored for at least 7 years. Significant grievances that set a precedent will be stored indefinitely.

The Graduate School has procedures for students wishing to appeal a grievance decision made at the school/college level. These policies are described in the Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures

Reporting Misconduct and Crime

The campus has established policies governing student conduct, academic dishonesty, discrimination, and harassment/abuse as well as specific reporting requirements in certain cases. If you have a grievance regarding unfair treatment towards yourself, please reference the procedures and resources identified above. If you learn about, observe, or witness misconduct or other wrongdoing you may be required to report that misconduct or abuse. Depending on the situation, it may be appropriate to consult with your advisor, the Graduate Program Manager, or other campus resources (such as the UW Office of Equity and Diversity, Graduate School, Mc Burney Disability Resource Center, Employee Assistance Office, Ombuds Office, and University Health Services).

Research Misconduct Reporting

The University of Wisconsin-Madison strives to foster the highest scholarly and ethical standards among its students, faculty, and staff. Graduate students and research associates are among the most vulnerable groups when reporting misconduct because their source of financial support and the progress in their careers may be at risk by raising questions of wrongdoing. They are also often the closest witnesses to wrongdoing when it occurs and therefore must be appropriately protected from the consequences of reporting wrongdoing and be informed of their rights. Please find full details at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education website.

Academic Misconduct Reporting

If you know a classmate is cheating on an exam or other academic exercise, notify your professor, teaching assistant or proctor of the exam. As a part of the university community, you are expected to uphold the standards of the university. Also, consider how your classmate's dishonesty may affect the overall grading curve and integrity of the program.

Sexual Assault Reporting

UW-Madison prohibits sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. These offenses violate UW-Madison policies and are subject to disciplinary action. Sanctions can range from reprimand to expulsion from UW-Madison. In many cases, these offenses also violate Wisconsin criminal law and could lead to arrest and criminal prosecution.

Students who experience sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking have many options and services available to them on and off campus, including mental health counseling, victim advocacy and access to the criminal and campus disciplinary systems. For more information see Report a Concern/Incident to view reporting options. The UHS website also provides a list of services available to students.

Faculty, staff, teaching assistants, and others who work directly with students at UW-Madison are required by law to report first-hand knowledge or disclosures of sexual assault to university officials for statistical purposes. In addition, disclosures made to certain university employees, such as academic advisors or university administrators, may be forwarded to the campus Title IX coordinator for a response. For more information, please visit the Dean of Students Office.

Child Abuse Reporting

As a UW-Madison employee (under Wisconsin Executive Order #54), you are required to immediately report child abuse or neglect to Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement if, in the course of employment, the employee observes an incident or threat of child abuse or neglect, or learns of an incident or threat of child abuse or neglect, and the employee has reasonable cause to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred or will occur. Volunteers working for UW-Madison sponsored programs or activities are also expected to report suspected abuse or neglect.

Reporting and Response to Incidents of Bias/Hate

The University of Wisconsin-Madison values a diverse community where all members are able to participate fully in the Wisconsin Experience. Incidents of Bias/Hate affecting a person or group create a hostile climate and negatively impact the quality of the Wisconsin Experience for community members. UW-Madison takes such incidents seriously and will investigate and respond to reported or observed incidents of bias/hate. Please find full details at the Dean of Students Office website.