Requirements for the MA Program

Plan I:

**Coursework.** Coursework totaling 24 credit hours in history and a thesis (an additional 6 credit hours of HY 599) are required, and the student must demonstrate reading proficiency in one foreign language before taking the final oral examination.

**Thesis.** The topic of the thesis will be selected by the student in consultation with his or her advisor. After the topic has been agreed upon, the student will prepare a prospectus describing the topic and the proposed plan of approach, including the principal sources to be used. Copies of the prospectus will be distributed to the student’s advisory committee, which shall consist of three members, all of whom must indicate their acceptance of the topic.

**Oral exam.** The Plan I oral exam is on the MA coursework and the thesis. The examination committee consists of three professors who served as readers on the thesis, plus one additional history professor. The M.A. thesis must be submitted to the student’s primary advisor no later than six weeks before the scheduled defense, and the revised thesis must be submitted to the remaining members of the student’s advisory committee at least three weeks before the scheduled defense. The committee files with the director of graduate studies a written opinion regarding the student’s suitability for further graduate work in history.

Plan II:

**Coursework.** Coursework totaling 30 credit hours in history is required, and the student must demonstrate proficiency in reading one foreign language before taking the final oral examination.

**Oral exam.** Plan II students must take an oral examination on their history courses and on a revised seminar paper, copies of which must be furnished to the members of the examining committee at least 10 days before the date of the oral examination. The examining committee must consist of at least four history professors, including as many as possible with whom the student has taken courses. The committee files with the director of graduate studies a written opinion regarding the student’s suitability for further graduate work in history.

**Special note on MA oral exams.** In all of the MA oral examinations, two negative votes constitute failure of the examination. History graduate students may repeat failed oral examinations one time only, after an interval specified by the examining committee. Two negative votes constitute denial of admission to the doctoral program. The use of faculty from outside the department to serve on MA examination committees (except in cases where faculty from other disciplines are prescribed by the graduate regulations) must be approved well in advance by the Graduate Committee.
Course Descriptions

**HY 500 Special Studies in History.** Three hours.

**HY 501 Japanese Civilization to 1550.** Three hours.
Survey of Japanese history from the beginning through the 16th century. Major emphasis is on the period after A.D. 400.

**HY 502 Modern Japan since 1550.** Three hours.
Major emphasis is on the end of the Tokugawa Period (1800–68) and the rise of modernized Japan in the Meiji Period (1868–1912) and the 20th century.

**HY 503 Chinese Civilization to 1600.** Three hours.
Survey of Chinese culture from the Shang Period through the Ming Period.

**HY 504 Modern China since 1600.** Three hours.
Survey of Chinese history in the Ch'ing Dynasty and the 20th century. Major emphasis is on 19th- and 20th-century events.

**HY 508 Colonial United States to 1763.** Three hours.
Topical survey of major themes in U.S. colonial history, with particular emphasis on Anglo-American developments.

**HY 509 American Revolution and the Founding of the Nation, 1763–1815.** Three hours.
The development of revolutionary sentiment in the North American colonies, the resulting revolution, and the subsequent efforts to establish the new nation.

**HY 513 From the Mexican War through the Civil War.** Three hours.
Examines how Americans made war in the middle of the 19th century and how waging war affected the evolution of politics and society.

**HY 516 U.S. from Reconstruction to World War I.** Three hours.
Selected topics relating to the development of the U.S., especially domestic affairs and the growth of important institutions.

**HY 517 U.S. from World War I through World War II.** Three hours.
Covers the participation of the U.S. in two world wars and the events of the intervening years. Government, commerce, and industry receive attention and analysis.

**HY 521 American Legal History (same as LAW 772).** Three hours.
Critical history of American law and institutions, emphasizing the period since 1750.

**HY 522 History of American Labor Law (same as LAW 617).** Three hours.
Problems in the legal history of U.S. labor movements, including slavery law, the law and the American worker, the labor conspiracy doctrine, the labor injunction, and the growth of federal labor legislation and case law.

**HY 523 Constitutional History of the U.S. to 1877.** Three hours.
Deals with evolution of U.S. constitutional law and the nature and process of judicial review, including 18th-century constitutional theory and Supreme Court decisions.

**HY 524 Constitutional History of the U.S. since 1877.** Three hours.
Continuation of HY 523.


**HY 526 U.S. as a World Power, 1898 to the Present.** Three hours. Survey of American foreign policy from the Spanish-American War of 1898 to the present.

**HY 529 American South and Southwest, 1513–1821.** Three hours. History of the Spanish advance into the present-day borders of the U.S., explaining how Spain fought and finally succumbed to the more dynamic and aggressive French and English.

**HY 530 U.S. Economic History since the Colonial Period.** Three hours. A survey of U.S. economic history from the colonial period to the present. Emphasis will be placed on the role of business, social, and voluntary organizations.

**HY 534 U.S. Social History to 1865.** Three hours. Topical survey of major social forces in the U.S., emphasizing the colonial experience of Americans and its impact on future generations.

**HY 535 U.S. Social History since 1865.** Three hours. Topical survey of major social forces, with particular emphasis on immigration, voluntary association, and suburbanization.

**HY 541 History of the U.S.–Vietnam War.** Three hours. A survey of the historical background of the conflict in Indochina leading to U.S. involvement in that conflict.

**HY 542 The Middle Ages.** Three hours. Foundations of the modern world in barbarian Europe: retreat into the countryside and private government, recovery of public institutions, money economy, and cultural vitality.

**HY 543 Renaissance.** Three hours. Intellectual movements associated with the Renaissance, with readings in Machiavelli’s Prince, More’s Utopia, and other humanist writings; social and economic life, religion, politics, and statecraft.

**HY 544 Reformation and Counter-Reformation.** Three hours. History of the separation of Catholic and Protestant churches from the ideal of the universal Christian church; late-Medieval religious practice.

**HY 545 17th-Century Europe.** Three hours. Troubled times, dominated by wars, depressions, harvest failures, and epidemics, but also the times of Baroque art, classical literature, critical philosophy, and scientific revolution.

**HY 546 Age of Reason, 1715–89.** Three hours. The Enlightenment of Voltaire, Diderot, Rousseau, Franklin, Hume, Goethe, and Kant, whose writings exalted individual reason, tolerance, liberalism, science, and public service and set the stage for the French Revolution.
HY 547 French Revolution and Napoleon. Three hours. Causes, course, and effects of the revolution, from the storming of the Bastille to Napoleon's seizure of power, conquests, and final defeat at Waterloo.

HY 548 Europe, 1815–50. Three hours. Europe in the first half of the 19th century: industrial expansion, changes in social structure, and the new ideologies of romanticism, nationalism, socialism, and liberalism.

HY 549 Europe, 1850–1914. Three hours. Culture and history of Europe to World War I: major institutions, values, and ideas, as well as the social environment in which Europeans lived.

HY 551 Europe since 1914. Three hours. Zenith and decline of the great imperial powers of Europe through World Wars I and II; tensions of the Cold War, the Common Market, and European unity.

HY 554 German History to 1740. Three hours. A survey of the Germanies from the early migrations to the rise of Prussia under the Hohenzollern dynasty, with emphasis on the development of German particularism and distinctive characteristics.

HY 555 German History since 1740. Three hours. A survey of German history from Frederick the Great to Adolph Hitler, with emphasis on the Austro-Prussian conflict, the Bismarckian Empire, and the two world wars.

HY 557 World War I. Three hours. "The War to End All Wars," from the European crises culminating at Sarajevo in 1914 to peacemaking at Versailles in 1919. Major emphasis is on the western and eastern fronts and on the war at sea.

HY 558 World War II. Three hours. The global conflict—or series of conflicts—from Manchukuo in 1931 to Tokyo Bay in 1945. Battles on land, at sea, and in the air; life on the home fronts and in enemy-occupied areas; and the war's legacy to future generations.

HY 561 Russia to 1894. Three hours. Conventional political history of Russia from the ninth century to the 19th century, followed by the social and cultural history of the Russian revolutionary movement.

HY 562 History of Russia since 1894. Three hours. Crisis in Russian society and the coming of the revolution; emergence of Stalinism; and political developments since World War II, including the post-Cold War era.

HY 570 Spanish Viceroyalties of America. Three hours. The conquest and colonization of America by Spain, from the voyages of Columbus to the Wars of Independence in the early 19th century.

HY 571 The Age of Exploration and Conquest. Three hours. A history of exploration from ancient times to the 16th and 17th centuries, when European nations expanded by sea voyages and conquest, penetrating the Americas, Africa, and Asia and basically completing the geographical knowledge of the earth.

HY 572 Modernization of South America. Three hours.
Survey of political, economic, and social trends in the major nations since 1930.

**HY 573 The Andean Nations.** Three hours. Examines the political, economic, social, and cultural history of the Andean nations since independence, with emphasis on Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela.

**HY 574 Relations of the U.S. and Latin America.** Three hours. Chronological survey of diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations, with emphasis on the 20th century.

**HY 575 Caribbean Basin, 1492 to the Present.** Three hours. Traces the evolution of the nations of the Caribbean and Central America from the first European settlements in the 16th century to the present.

**HY 580 Survey of Military History.** Three hours. Introduction to the field of military history and to the writing of military history from ancient times to the present, with an emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries.

**HY 583 Comparative Revolutions in the Modern World.** Three hours. Comparative study of revolutionary movements in the Western and non-Western worlds.

**HY 590 England under the Tudors.** Three hours. Development of an early modern state: establishment of strong central monarchy, religious crises from the Reformation to the Puritan movement, and exuberance and excess of an expanding society.

**HY 591 England under the Stuarts.** Three hours. How Englishmen of the 17th century worked out the great questions of their day: Was liberty compatible with strong and effective government? Could English elites share their power without destroying it? Finally, what did God want for England?

**HY 593 Britain in the 18th Century.** Three hours. From the Hanoverian Succession in 1714 to victory at Waterloo in 1815: political development, agrarian and industrial revolutions, John Wesley, Samuel Johnson, and an apparently endless succession of wars.

**HY 594 Britain in the Victorian Age.** Three hours. Britain at her apogee: possessor of the empire on which the sun never set; world economic leader; nation of Peel and Palmerston, Gladstone and Disraeli, Dickens and Trollope, Tennyson and Browning, Turner and Constable, and Victoria and Albert.

**HY 595 Britain in the 20th Century.** Three hours. The course looks at Britain from the death of Queen Victoria to Mrs. Thatcher: the decline of the British Empire, the two World Wars, the rise of the welfare state, the Common Market, and economic resurgence.

**HY 599 Thesis Research.** One to six hours.

**HY 600 Teaching History.** One hour.

Group I—Historiography Courses
HY 601 Literature of American History to 1865. Four hours.
HY 602 Literature of American History since 1865. Four hours.
HY 603 Literature of European History. Four hours.
HY 605 Literature of Latin American History. Four hours.

Group II—Proseminars
HY 606 Proseminar in United States History to 1877. Four hours.
HY 607 Proseminar in United States History since 1877. Four hours.
HY 608 Proseminar in Southern History. Four hours.
HY 620 Proseminar in Latin American History. Four hours.
HY 631 Proseminar in Early Modern British and European History. Four hours.
HY 635 Proseminar in Recent British and European History. Four hours.
HY 639 Proseminar in Military and Naval History. Four hours.

Group III—Seminars
HY 651 Seminar in United States History to 1877. Four hours.
HY 657 Seminar in United States History since 1877. Four hours.
HY 658 Seminar in Southern History. Four hours.
HY 660 Seminar in State and Local History. Four hours.
HY 665 Special Studies Seminar. Four hours.
HY 670 Seminar in Latin American History. Four hours.
HY 682 Seminar in British and European History. Four hours.
HY 684 Seminar in Military and Naval History. Four hours.
Group IV—Directed Study

**HY 697 Directed Readings.** One to four hours. Prerequisite: Written permission of the director of graduate studies.

**HY 698 Directed Research not Related to Dissertation.** One to four hours. Written permission of the director of graduate studies is required for admission.

**HY 699 Dissertation Research.** Three to twelve hours. Not to be counted for required credit for advanced degrees.