University of Florida

History

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History Department

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**Doctor of Philosophy requirements:**
– Professional competence in your major field
– Knowledge of a minor, which may be drawn from the approved major fields of specialization for the doctorate (African, European, Latin American, or U.S. history), from approved minor fields (Atlantic history, gender, legal history), or may be self designed as a thematic research or teaching field. It must include at least 3 hours outside the historical area that defines your major field.
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– Pass a set of written and oral qualifying examinations testing competence in major and additional fields and your knowledge of the nature of history and the historian’s task.
– A dissertation for which credit is given in **HIS 7980**.

**History/law joint degree program:** The Department of History and the College of Law offer a program in legal history leading to either the M.A. or a Ph.D. degree in history and the J.D. in law. Because the faculties of history and law stress interdisciplinary training, students admitted to the joint degree program will be allowed to count a significant number of hours toward both degrees. Applicants must be accepted by both the Graduate School and the College of Law. Normally, students will complete the course and examination requirements of both degrees in 4 years. Students may begin their first year of work in either history or law, but they must complete the first year of law school within 1 year and they must do so within the first 2 years after admission to the joint degree program. For further information write to the Legal History Coordinator, Department of History, University of Florida, Box 117320, Gainesville, FL 32611-7320.

**Courses**
- **AFH 5297:** History of African Agriculture
- **AFH 5348:** History of West Africa
- **AFH 5458:** Southern Africa
- **AFH 5934:** Topics in African History
- **AFH 6259:** Seminar in Modern Africa
- **AFH 6805:** Theories and Methods of African History
- **AFH 6934:** Africa
- **AFH 6936:** Readings in African History
- **AMH 5405:** The South to 1860
AMH 5905: Special Studies
AMH 5930: Topics in United States History
AMH 6198: Early American Society
AMH 6199: Nineteenth Century America
AMH 6290: Modern America
AMH 6356: Research in U.S. History
AMH 6406: Readings in Southern History, 1607-1865
AMH 6465: Seminar in U.S. Urban History
AMH 6506: Seminar in American Labor History
AMH 6516: Seminar in American Foreign Relations and Expansion
AMH 6557: Seminar in Constitutional or Legal History of the United States
AMH 6677: Civil Rights Movement
ASH 5388: Topics in East Asian History
EUH 5546: Topics in British History
EUH 5934: Topics in European History
EUH 6126: Readings in Medieval History
EUH 6174: Conversion in the Middle Ages
EUH 6175: Ethnicity in the Middle Ages
EUH 6176: Villages and Peasants in the Middle Ages
EUH 6177: Economy and Society in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages
EUH 6213: Europe, 1500-1763
EUH 6289: Readings, Modern Europe
EUH 6469: Modern German History
EUH 6935: Readings, Early Modern Europe
EUH 6937: Readings in Mediterranean History
HIS 5450: Slavery in the New World: Comparative Perspectives
HIS 5484: Science and the Enlightenment
HIS 5485: Special Studies in the History of Science
HIS 6060: Historical Method
HIS 6061: Introduction to Historiography
HIS 6416: Problems in Comparative Legal History
HIS 6445: Postcolonial Theories
HIS 6469: Topics in Historiography of History of Science
HIS 6478: Topics in the Scientific Revolution
HIS 6480: Pre-Newtonian Sciences
HIS 6488: Readings in the History of Science
HIS 6905: Individual Study
HIS 6910: Supervised Research
HIS 6940: Supervised Teaching
HIS 6943: Internship in College Teaching
HIS 6957: Nonthesis Project in History
HIS 6971: Research for Master's Thesis
HIS 7979: Advanced Research
HIS 7980: Research for Doctoral Dissertation
LAH 5438: Modern Mexico
LAH 5475: Caribbean, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
LAH 5476: Caribbean History to 1800: Slavery, Colonization, and International Conflict
LAH 5527: Andean Nations
LAH 5607: History of Amazonia
LAH 5637: Brazil Since 1750
LAH 5933: Topics in Caribbean History
LAH 5934: Topics in Latin American History
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EUH 5195: The Archaeology of the Middle Ages

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