



Information Session

HISTORY 4+1

Love history?

Want to get a Master's degree in just one year?

Why get a Master's degree in History?

- You envision a career in research, public policy, law, etc. and want to hone your research, writing skills, and critical thinking skills
- You plan to be an educator and want additional specialization, credentials, and/or to start your career at a higher salary level
- You are interested in graduate studies but aren't sure if the PhD is for you
- You just love history! (No judgment, we're all total history nerds in this department)

Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree from any of Tulane's departments/interdisciplinary programs
- 3.33 GPA in History courses
- Have completed two 6000-level seminars with a minimum grade of B (these will count towards your total of 10 courses/30 credit hours for the MA)
- Have a recommendation from a History department faculty member who is willing to serve as your advisor

What are the program requirements?

Non-Thesis Option:

- Complete 8 seminars at the 6000- or 7000-level over two semesters (24 credit hours), one of which is HIST 7001 - Seminar in Historical Practice

Thesis Option:

- Complete 7 seminars at the 6000- or 7000-level over two semesters (24 credit hours), one of which is HIST 7001 - Seminar in Historical Practice
- Complete a thesis (30-page essay of publishable quality based on original research) during an independent study in the spring semester

What kinds of courses will I take?

- You have the option of taking 6000-level seminars, which are joint graduate-undergraduate classes, and 7000-level seminars, which are grad students only (MA + PhD)
- All seminars meet once weekly for 2.5 hours and are discussion-focused
- We strongly recommend that you take any 7000-level seminar being offered, as they provide you with a true grad student experience

What kinds of courses will I take?

Sample Seminars:

Photography and the Historical Imagination

Crime and Punishment in Hanoverian England

Gender in African History

Native South

Medieval Religious Culture

Toni Morrison as Historian

Peasants, Rebellion, and the State

Into the Archive

Bandits, Terrorism, and Freedom Fighters

Immigration and Identity in Contemporary France

How do I apply?

1. Go to the [Graduate Admission Application Portal](#) and sign in
2. Select “Start New Application”
3. Select “4+1 Liberal Arts”
4. Complete the application form and upload all requested documents (transcript, letter of recommendation)

What is the deadline?

Deadlines vary by department; History requires that you submit your application by April 1 for admission the following August.

You should also contact the Director of Graduate Studies for History to inform them that you have applied and to notify them which courses you want to apply to your graduate record.

What is the cost?

- Tuition for the 4+1 program is 1/3 of undergraduate tuition; for the 2026-27 academic year, this equals \$24 390

Anything else I should know?

- If you finish your undergraduate degree with more than 120 credits AND have taken more than two 6000-level History seminars, you *MAY* be able to count two additional seminars toward your MA

Eg: if you finished your undergraduate degree with 130 credits, took three 6000-level History seminars during that time, and one of those seminars did not fulfill any of your program/major/minor/degree requirements, then you would only have to take seven seminars during the 4+1 year

Questions? Get in touch!

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