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The program for the Master of Arts in History teaches students methods of historical research, analysis, and writing that enable them to achieve the most rigorous academic standards in their work. For students intending to teach, work in public history, prepare for a doctoral program, or pursue academic inquiry for its own sake, the program offers exposure to the latest historiographical debates and the classic texts of historical writing as well as opportunities to investigate a wide array of primary source material.

Degree: Master of Arts

Admission Terms: Fall (August); Spring (January); Summer (June)

Application Requirements:
Applicants must have a four-year bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college and an acceptable GPA (3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale). An admission decision takes into consideration the applicant’s GPA, completed course work, GRE scores, professional work experience, personal and professional goals for the degree, as well as the information provided by references.

Required Materials Include:
- online application with a nonrefundable $50 application fee;
- an official transcript from all colleges attended (including High Point University);
- resume;
- essay about interest in the program and goals for the degree;
- three professional letters of reference each attached to a completed Graduate School reference report form; and
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) taken within the previous five years

The High Point University GRE Code is 5293.

Program of Study (33 semester hours)
History courses toward both a major (12 semester hours) and a minor (6 semester hours) must be completed in the areas below.

Annual Rothenberg Seminar
Sample topic: “War in the Mediterranean World, 1500-1800” – This seminar brings selected scholars in the field of military history from around the world to present scholarly critiques on special topics in history each year.

“The coursework pushes me to the limits of my abilities. I’ve had to do more, faster, and better than I’ve ever been asked to do before. The journey has not only been more challenging but also more rewarding than any other academic experience I’ve had thus far.”

- Toby Peele, History Student
Reading Seminars (12 hours)
- HST 5250 Readings in Latin American History
- HST 5260 Early American History
- HST 5270 US Cultural and Intellectual History
- HST 5280 Revolutionary America
- HST 5300 North Carolina History
- HST 5310 US Women’s History
- HST 5320 Religion in American History
- HST 5330 US Legal History
- HST 5340 Nineteenth Century US

Electives (6 hours)
- Additional History courses
- HST 5900 Independent Research

Thesis (6 hours)
- HST 5980 Thesis
- HST 5990 Thesis

Course Descriptions

HST 5260 Early American History (3)
Studies of the interactions of Europeans, Indians, and Africans in the Atlantic world and the development of colonies that would produce the United States. Study recent arguments and key topics in the field with exploration of various methods historians use to discover new worlds and developments resulting from the meeting of peoples.

HST 5270 US Cultural and Intellectual History (3)
The thinkers, inventors, and dreamers who shaped the idiosyncratic character of America will be the subjects of the readings in this class. Focus will be given to recent interpretations and how they challenge the shibboleths of the cannon in the discourse.

HST 5280 Revolutionary America (3)
Readings exploring the social changes of the eighteenth century, imperial crisis, war, and the creation of the American republic.

HST 5300 North Carolina History (3)
Selected readings in topics in North Carolina’s history. Attention will be given to the entire scope of the state’s history, with emphasis on readings addressing economic and social development from the early colonial period to the present.

HST 5310 US Women’s History (3)
Varying topics in the history of American women, including changing roles in family and public life, diversity of experience across lines of race, ethnicity and class, the emergence of feminism, and post-feminist experience in the late 20th century.

HST 5320 Religion in American History (3)
Selected topics in the history of religious beliefs, practices, movements, and practitioners, and their influence in American culture. Selected books and articles read will explore prominent discoveries, methodologies, and arguments that have shaped contemporary interpretations and accumulated historiography.

HST 5330 US Legal History (3)
Reference will be made to constitutional history but the chief focus of this class will be the challenging aspects of the legal traditions of the United States. Included within this will be the role law has played in the social and political transformation of the United States.

HST 5340 Nineteenth Century US History (3)
Selected topics in the thorough transformation of US society during the nineteenth century will be chosen to reveal pathos and dignity in the events underpinning these changes. Political, military, cultural, and economic issues will all command attention.

HST 5360 Twentieth Century US History (3)
The US emerges to become the dominant world military power and economic engine in the twentieth century. The texts selected will address how these changes came to be and how these changes transformed the United States politically, socially, and militarily.

HST 5410 US Diplomatic History (3)
The history of US diplomats and diplomatic activities will be the measurement used to select the readings for this class. Focus will be given to recent interpretations and how they challenge the shibboleths of the cannon.

HST 5420 Early Modern Europe (3)
The course will examine the development and evolution of the dynastic state and society from the 17th through 18th centuries. Themes will include absolutism, the military revolution, the scientific revolution, the enlightenment, and explore economic, social and cultural challenges.
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**HST 5440  Modern Europe (3)**
The course will examine the development and evolution of European politics, economics, society and culture from the 19th century through the end of the Second World War.

**HST 5460  Modern Britain (3)**
Readings on topics from the middle of the nineteenth century through the 1960s will be selected to reveal a portion of the characteristics of Britain as a world power and its adjustment back from that position. In particular, the political and economic transformations will be selected for closest study.

**HST 5470  Military History (3)**
The course will explore the evolution and development of modern military thought from theory to practice. Themes will include the military revolution, neo-classical warfare, French Revolutionary and Napoleonic warfare, war in the industrial ages, and the age of total war.

**HST 5480  Modern East Asia (3)**
This course examines the transformation of East Asian societies in the 19th and 20th centuries. Based on the readings of both translated primary and secondary sources, this course aims to deepen the students' understanding of the complex process of modernization of China and Japan. It will help the students to appreciate East Asian cultures in the age of globalization. The students will conduct research under the direction of the instructor and participate in discussion on a regular basis.

**HST 5490  Modern Middle East (3)**
Directed intensive readings, writing, and discussions on selected topics and areas in Middle East history with emphasis on the period after 1798.

**HST 5500  Colonial Africa (3)**
Directed intensive readings, writing, and discussions on selected topics and areas in African history with emphasis on Eastern and Southern Africa.

**HST 5510  US Religious History (3)**
Research and writing of salient topics in US religious history.

**HST 5520  Southern US History (3)**
Research and writing on selected topics in the economic, social and political history of the southeastern United States.

**HST 5530  Early US History (3)**
Studies of topics in the history of early American and the revolutionary era.

**HST 5540  Nineteenth Century US History (3)**
The topic for the seminar will change over time selected from the social, cultural, political, military, and economic transformations of nineteenth century America.

**HST 5550  Twentieth Century US History (3)**
Research and writing on selected topics in the history of the United States from 1900 to the end of the 20th century.

**HST 5600  Early Modern Europe (3)**
The course will explore in detail the nature and evolution of the dynastic state and European society, economy, culture and military through a semester-long research and writing project.

**HST 5610  Revolutionary Europe (3)**
The course will explore in detail the origin, course and impact of European revolutions on politics, society, economics, cultural and military through a semester-long research and writing project.

**HST 5620  Modern Europe (3)**
The course will examine European revolutions on politics, society, economics, culture and military from the 19th century through the end of the Second World War through a semester-long research and writing project.

**HST 5650  Military History (3)**
The course will explore the evolution and development of military thought from the 16th century to the present through a semester-long research and writing project.

**HST 5660  Great Military Leaders (3)**
The course will examine the strategic thought and military campaigns of great military leaders in the West from the 17th through the 20th centuries.

**HST 5680  Modern Asian History (3)**
This course covers the history of modern Asia. Students will conduct research and summarize their research in a thirty-five page paper. The instructor may change the focus of this course each time it is offered. The areas of study include: Meiji Japan, Nineteenth-Century China and the People's Republic of China, etc.

**HST 5700  Colonial African History (3)**
Directed advance writing based on primary sources from selected topics in African history with an emphasis on Eastern and Southern Africa.

**HST 5720  Modern Middle East History (3)**
Directed advance writing based on primary sources from selected topics in Middle East history with an emphasis on the period after 1798.

**HST 5900  Independent Research (3)**
This course is for degree-seeking students who desire to conduct preliminary research before enrolling in HST 5980.

**HST 5980  Thesis (3)**
Through collaboration with designated faculty, a student develops an organized research study relative to a topic in history. A student must demonstrate foreign language competency sufficient to conduct research for the intended topic of the thesis to the Program Director. This is the first required enrollment for credit. Prerequisites: Program Director's approval prior to enrollment; and completion of at least 18 semester hours of graduate history courses, which must include HST 5080 and two writing seminars.

**HST 5980a  Thesis Continuation (0)**
Required fee registration when additional time is needed to satisfy the requirements for HST 5980.

**HST 5990  Thesis (3)**
Through collaboration with designated faculty, a student continues to develop an organized research study relative to a topic in history. Upon completion of the study, the student will defend the research in an oral presentation. This is the second required enrollment for credit. Prerequisite: HST 5980.

**HST 5990a  Thesis Continuation (0)**
Required fee registration when additional time is needed to satisfy the requirements for HST 5990. Prerequisites: HST 5980 and HST 5990.