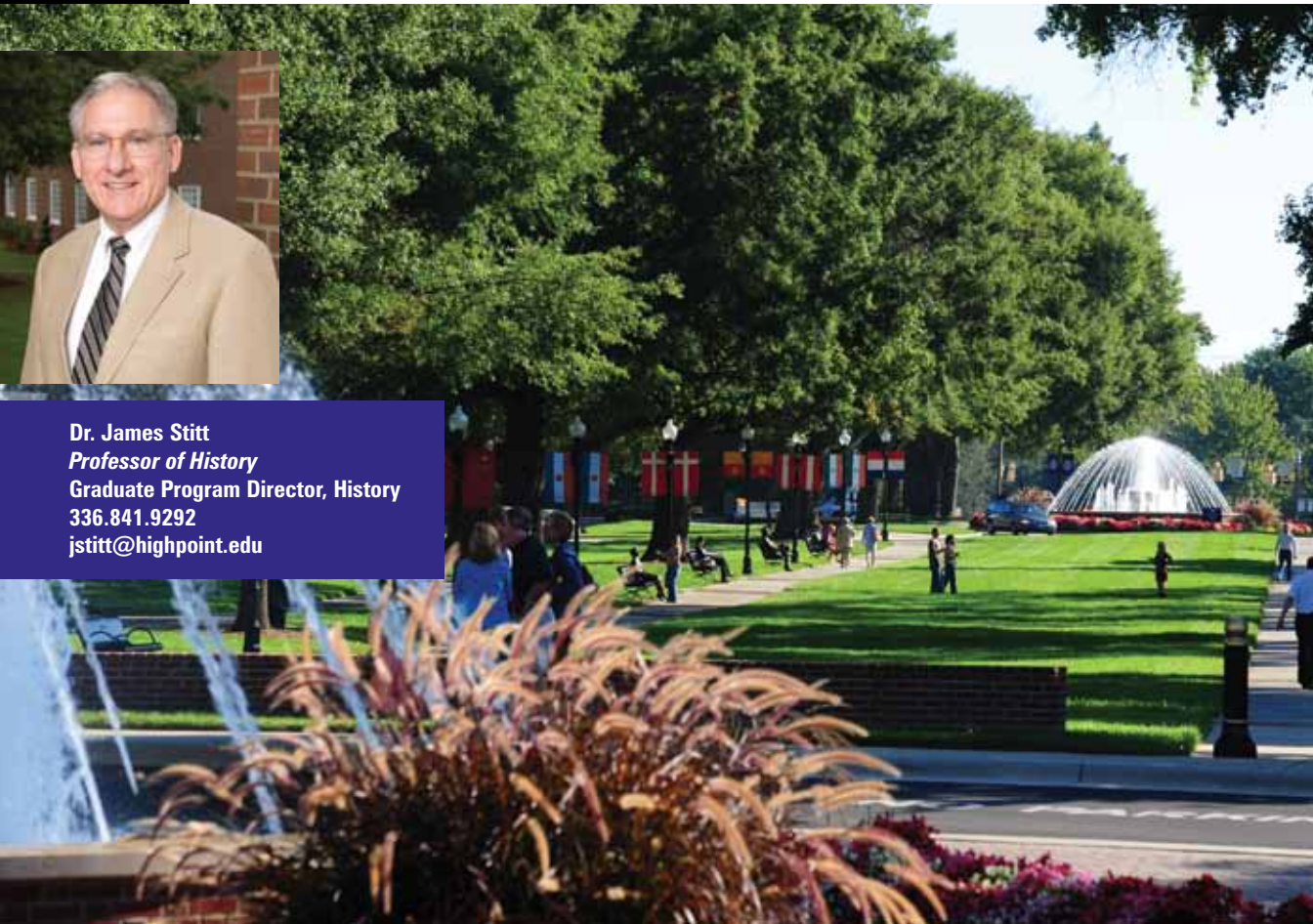


Master of Arts in History

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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)

Deadline for Application Materials: All application materials must be received or postmarked by the following deadlines: July 15, 2012 for Fall, November 15, 2012 for Spring, and March 31, 2013 for Summer.

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.



"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

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.*

Prerequisite: None**Comprehensive Examinations:** None**Class Time:** 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**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.

Required (3 hours)

HST 5080 Historiography

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
 HST 5360 Twentieth Century US History
 HST 5410 US Diplomatic
 HST 5420 Early Modern Europe
 HST 5440 Modern Europe
 HST 5460 Modern Britain
 HST 5470 Military History
 HST 5480 Modern East Asia
 HST 5490 Modern Middle East
 HST 5500 Colonial Africa

Writing Seminars (6 hours)

HST 5510 US Religious History
 HST 5520 Southern US History
 HST 5530 Early US History
 HST 5540 Nineteenth Century US History
 HST 5550 Twentieth Century US History
 HST 5600 Early Modern Europe
 HST 5610 Revolutionary Europe
 HST 5620 Modern Europe
 HST 5650 Military History
 HST 5660 Great Military Leaders
 HST 5680 Modern Asian
 HST 5700 Colonial African
 HST 5720 Modern Middle East History

Electives (6 hours)

Additional History courses
 HST 5900 Independent Research

Thesis (6 hours)

HST 5980 Thesis
 HST 5990 Thesis

History Course Descriptions

HST 5080 Historiography (3)

Historiography is a history of historical writing from earliest time to the present with a focus on the last three hundred years. The focus of the class will be on how modern understanding of historical interpretation and the creation thereof is a product of the parameters created by the various seminal interpretations established previously. Prerequisite: HST 2901 or its equivalent.

HST 5250 Readings in Latin American History (3)

This course explores the cultural, social, political, and legal dimensions of the region. Familiarity with important texts, including primary and secondary sources will be emphasized. Focus will be on the richness and variety of Latin American history. Special attention will be given to discussion of the classics and recent literature. Pre-Columbian, colonial and national eras will be covered.

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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 canon 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 paths 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. The particular challenges presented by the twentieth century will receive predominant attention.

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.

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 though 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 its 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.*