

History, Ph.D.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
72 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; typically 30 s.h. of graduate transfer credits taken for the master's from an accredited institution allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^{a, b}		
Hours		0
First Year		
Any Semester		
Language Requirement ^c		
Hours		0
Fall		
HIST:6002	Introduction to Graduate Studies in History; Historiography and Methods ^d	3
History course ^e		3
History course ^e		3
Hours		9
Spring		
HIST:6003	History Theory and Interpretation ^d	3
History course ^e		3
History course ^e		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Fall		
Qualifying Research Essay ^f		
HIST:6004	Comprehensive Exams Seminar I	3
History course ^e		3
History course ^e		3
Hours		9
Spring		
Comprehensive Exam ^g		
Dissertation Prospectus ^h		
HIST:6005	Comprehensive Exams Seminar II	3
History course ^e		3
Elective course ⁱ		3
Hours		9
Third Year		
Fall		
Elective or Independent Study ⁱ		
Hours		1

Spring		
Elective or Independent Study ⁱ		
Hours		1
Fourth Year		
Fall		
Elective or HIST:7193 Thesis ⁱ		
Hours		1
Spring		
HIST:7193	Thesis	1
Hours		1
Fifth Year		
Fall		
HIST:7193	Thesis	1
Hours		1
Spring		
HIST:7193	Thesis	1
Final Exam ^j		
Hours		1
Total Hours		42

- Students entering with fewer than 30 s.h. of coursework from the master's degree must work with their faculty advisor to complete the needed appropriate graduate coursework.
- Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
- The department has a basic world language requirement for the PhD. However, the faculty advisor may require a student to demonstrate a reading knowledge of one or more languages and proficiency in the use of other study tools. Students may not complete the comprehensive examination until these requirements have been met.
- Students must complete HIST:6002 and HIST:6003 during their first year.
- Students must complete at least seven graduate level history (or related field) courses numbered 6000 or above; work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate coursework and sequence.
- Must be completed prior to the end of second year fall semester.
- Written and oral examination typically completed during the second year; more information is included in the General Catalog and on department website.
- Typically completed during the second year, written prospectus for the dissertation is submitted to the faculty advisor before the comprehensive exams; the student defends the prospectus within two weeks of passing the oral portion of the comprehensive examination.
- Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate elective coursework and sequence.
- Dissertation defense.