



# HISTORY (MA)

The Department of History offers a master's degree in three major fields: North America, Europe, and World. The objective of the graduate program is to prepare students for careers in research and teaching.

## Description

Carefully structured and individualized graduate programs in all fields afford maximum personal contact and consultation between graduate students and professors in seminars, directed individual readings, lecture courses, and supervised thesis research and writing. The faculty makes every effort to provide a creative environment to sustain a community of scholars and a substantial part of all graduate students' training is in small seminars. Students have several resources available to them including the archives of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Center for Great Plains Studies.

## Specializations

- Ethnic Studies
- Great Plains Studies
- Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
- Nineteenth Century Studies
- Women's & Gender Studies

## Program-Related Information

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## Program Website

<https://history.unl.edu/graduate> (<https://history.unl.edu/graduate/>)

## Applying for Admission

### Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with \$50 non-refundable application fee (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#appfee>).
- Transcripts (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements/#transcripts>) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.  
If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.

- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (<https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency/>) is required.

When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.

- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (<https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial/>).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

### Additional requirements specific to this program

- Minimum English proficiency: Paper TOEFL (<http://www.toefl.org/>) 575, Internet TOEFL (<http://www.toefl.org/>) 90, IELTS (<https://www.ielts.org/>) 6.5
- Personal Statement: In 1-2 pages, this statement should explain your interest in pursuing this degree and give a strong sense of your intellectual interests and background
- Writing Sample: A paper previously written by the applicant; although there is no standard page limit, these are typically 10-30 pages in length.
- Faculty and Research Interest: List two to three departmental faculty you would like to work with.
- Languages: See current language requirements (<https://history.unl.edu/graduate-program-application-procedures/>).
- Three recommendation letters

### Admission Application Deadlines

December 1 for Fall.

## Requirements

Hours required: 36

Options for the Master's Degree (<https://catalog.unl.edu/graduate-professional/policies/academic-program-requirements/#masters>)