

DIVISION OF HISTORY

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Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.A. in History (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/history/history-ma/>)
- M.A. in History (Public History) (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/history/public-history-ma/>)
- Graduate Certificate in History (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/history/post-baccalaureate-certificate-history/>)

The Division of History offers a master's degree in History. An additional certificate program in History is also available to master-level graduate students who wish to complete 18 hours in the discipline, enabling them to teach dual credit or community college courses in both Political Science and History. Students in other graduate departments are welcome to take graduate courses in the department with the consent of the instructor.

The M.A. in History encompasses social and political history in the United States, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Two different emphases in History may be chosen: a traditional History emphasis or an emphasis in Public History. The extensive Women's Collection at the Blagg-Huey Library is an excellent research resource for graduate students. Students are encouraged by the faculty to consider courses from other disciplines outside the department as part of their graduate program. Course selection should be made with the advice and approval of the student's graduate committee. The component's programs include internships in both the public and private sectors.

Minors

Master's level

All minors must be approved by the student's graduate committee and must include at least 6 graduate semester credit hours in history.

Faculty

*BLOSSER, JACOB M., Professor of History, B.A., Milligan College; M.A., James Madison University; Ph.D., University of South Carolina Columbia

*FANNING, SARA C., Associate Professor of History, B.A., University of Texas, Austin; M.A., National University of Ireland; Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

*LANDDECK, KATHERINE E., Professor of History, B.A., University of Arkansas; M.A., University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Ph.D., University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Courses

Contact hours identified in the course descriptions are based on a 15-week term. Students who enroll in Summer or mini-terms are expected to meet the same total number of contact hours as a 15-week term.

HIST 5003. Studies in 19th Century U.S. A study of the 19th century with discussion and analysis of various historians' interpretations of the same events. Increased knowledge of the events of this period and the study of how one writes history. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5033. Research Methods in History. Research trends, methods, and theories in historical inquiry. Prerequisite: Must be taken in the first 12 hours of graduate study. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5093. Women in Early America. Critical analysis of the lives and experiences of Native American, African-American, and European-American women from 1600 through 1830 through the lenses of race, sexuality, identity, labor, spirituality, and legal status. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5103. Renaissance and Reformations. Cross-cultural study of European culture and society from 1350-1600; Italian, French, Dutch, English, and German artistic achievements, social and political development, and religious reformations compared and contrasted. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5123. Religion in an Atlantic World, 1450-1776. Cross-cultural study of religious ideas and practice in colonial America from the pre-Columbian era through 1776; varied religious experiences of indigenous groups, Spanish, French, English, Dutch, and German colonists, and enslaved African Americans are compared and contrasted. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5193. Seminar in Native American History. Advanced study of U.S. indigenous peoples pre-contact to present. Emphasis on citizenship, independence movements, imperialism, violence, and religion. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5243. Seminar on Civil War and Reconstruction. Advanced study of Civil War and Reconstruction periods. Focus on causality, citizenship, military strategy, politics, religion, race, and the war in American memory. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5253. History of France. Critical analysis of early French history and culture including the Roman conquest, medieval France, the growth of the French monarchy, the Renaissance, the Age of Louis XIV, and the Enlightenment. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5263. Material Culture in Early America. Advanced study of artifacts, cultural meaning, and identity in 17th and 18th century Anglo-America and in modern museums. Artifact creation, interpretation, and preservation. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5273. Seminar in Caribbean History. Advanced study of Caribbean basin from 1492 to the present. Emphasis on piracy, slavery, emancipation, revolution, tourism, emigration, and environmentalism. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5303. Progressives. The early twentieth century era and its social movements; politics, gender, and race issues along with the nation's foreign policy and the continuity of society's social development from a historical perspective. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5403. American Experience in World War II. How America shaped the War and how the War shaped America including military, social, political, and economic aspects; traditional historians' view on the period. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5503. Between the Wars. Social, political, and economic history of the U.S. and the wars for particular eras; consumerism, conflicts, music, and literature during the interwar time period. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5563. Slavery in the Americas. Origins and evolution of slavery in North and South America and the Caribbean from 1500-1888. Comparative cross-cultural study of cultural survival, ethnic and racial identity, gender relations, the slave trade, resistance and revolt, and emancipation. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5573. Women in Early America. Lived experiences and intersectional identities of American women from 1600-1800. Examination of race, sexuality, identity, work, spirituality, and legal status. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5703. U.S. Since 1945. Social, political, economic, and multicultural history of the United States from 1945 to September 11th; the Cold War and its influence on American politics, beliefs, and post-Cold War realities; military conflicts, foreign policy, multicultural experiences, and domestic challenges. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5803. Oral History Methodology. Theories, methods, and debates surrounding the oldest historical tool, oral history; methodology for conducting oral histories, debate, and completing transcripts; consideration of privacy, storage, and accessibility. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5813. Methods in Public History. Origins and objectives of public history as a philosophy of history and a discrete field of study and research. Examination of social, political, economic, and cultural changes that influence the field of public history. Problems, issues, and opportunities in public history and methods of the field. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5853. Seminar in Public History. Advanced experiential study of public history methods and practices. Topics vary but may include oral history, local history, digital history, archival management, and museum studies. May be repeated for additional credit when content varies. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5883. Seminar in European History. Focused study on a selected theme, issue, problem, region, country, or period in the history of Europe prior to 1900. May be repeated for credit when topics differ. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5903. Special Topics. Organized course with section's title and content varying with specific subject matter and topic offered. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5911. Independent Study. Independent study of selected topics in history. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. Credit: One hour.

HIST 5913. Independent Study. Independent study of selected topics in history. May be repeated for credit when topics vary. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5933. Internship. Supervised practical experience, related to the academic and career objectives of the student, in a public or private agency. May be repeated for a total of six hours. Eight practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5936. Internship. Supervised practical experience, related to the academic and career objectives of the student, in a public or private agency. Sixteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.

HIST 5973. Professional Paper/Project. Development and implementation of an individual research paper/project on a topic selected jointly by the student and the faculty advisor. May be repeated, but only three hours may apply on degree. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5981. The Professional Portfolio. Development of a professional portfolio by students in the Master of Arts in Teaching program demonstrating the student's growth in the Learner-Centered Competencies. Pass-fail grade only. May be repeated. Credit: One hour.

HIST 5983. Thesis. Credit: Three hours.

HIST 5993. Thesis. Prerequisite: HIST 5983. Credit: Three hours.