

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HISTORY

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/history/graduate-programs/graduate-certificate-in-history/>

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/theccb-60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Employers want employees with solid writing and compositional skills. The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in History develops this skill by requiring students to engage in clear, persuasive, grammatically, and stylistically correct writing projects (primarily although not exclusively research papers).
2. Employers want employees with the ability to evaluate new or contradictory points of view. The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in History develops these skills by requiring students to take a class in historiography/research and methods which demands that students critically analyze and interpret different historical narratives of events.
3. Employers want employees to be able to work independently on projects. The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in History develops this skill by requiring all students to complete an independent, original piece of scholarship in the form of a certificate portfolio.
4. For potential Dual-credit teachers, knowledge to competently teach History at the community college or dual credit level must be demonstrated. The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in History develops this skill by requiring all students to take 18 semester credit hours in History. These hours, combined with a Master's Degree (in any field) meet the state of Texas requirements for community college or (if certified) dual credit teachers. Importantly, the diverse historical subjects and time periods covered in the certificate's coursework prepare students to teach introductory History courses.