## George Mason University | College of Humanities and Social Sciences

# **B.A.** Degree in History

Effective Fall 2023

#### I. UNIVERSITY-WIDE MASON CORE REQUIREMENTS (40)

- a. Written Communication: ENGH 101 (100 for ESL), 302 (6)
- b. Oral Communication: COMM 101 (3)
- c. Quantitative Reasoning (3)
- d. Information Technology (3) (may be met w/ HIST 390, which also counts toward History major)
- e. Literature (3) (may be met w/ HIST 334, which also counts toward History major)
- f. Arts (3) (may be met w/ approved 300-level ARTH course that can also count as elective for History major)
- g. Natural Science (7: 4 lab+3 non-lab)
- h. Global History: HIST 125 (3) (transfer students may use other HIST course options see University Catalog)
- i. Global Understanding (3) (may be met w/ approved HIST course that also counts toward History major)
- j. Social and Behavioral Sciences (3) (may be met w/ HIST 121 or 122, which also count toward History major)
- k. Synthesis (3) (met by HIST 300 or 499, which are required for History major)

## II. CHSS REQUIREMENTS FOR B.A. DEGREE (9-21)

- a. Philosophy or Religious Studies (3)
- b. Proficiency in a Foreign Language through intermediate level (0-12)
- c. Social Sciences (3)
- d. Non-Western Culture (3) (may be met w/ approved HIST course that also counts toward History major)

## III. HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (36; 18 must be upper-level courses with numbers from 300-499)

## a. Methods and research - all History majors

- 1. HIST 300 (pre-req of 30 credits; a grade of "C" or better is required to graduate) (3)
- 2. HIST 499 (pre-req of 90 credits plus HIST 300 and ENGH 302) (3)

#### b. Breadth

- For majors in the U.S. History concentration: 6 credits of European history and 6 credits of global history. (12)
- For majors in the Global History concentration: 15 credits in global history with 9 credits in a particular region (15)
- All other majors (concentration in Public History, Digital History, or Individualized, or no concentration): 6 credits of U.S. history, 6 credits of European history, and 6 credits of global history. (18)

#### c. Concentration and/or electives within the major

- 1. For the History major without concentration: four electives (12) which may include any HIST course, one 300-level ARTH course, and HNRS 240.
- or: 2. For the Digital History concentration: HIST 390 (3), 6 credits of HIST 395 (repeatable), and 3 credits of digital electives chosen from ENGH 375, ENGH 376, INTS 345, or other coursework, including internships, approved by the program director.
- or: 3. For the Public History concentration: HIST 396 (3), HIST 390 (3), HIST 399 (3) and one elective (3) chosen from: HIST 397, HIST 380, ARTH 394, ENGH 370, and other coursework, not including additional internships, approved by the program director.
- or: 4. For the Global History concentration: HIST 394 (3) and four electives (12) which may include any HIST course, one 300-level ARTH course, and HNRS 240. Study abroad and at least one credit of foreign language skills development (HIST 386) is encouraged but not required for this concentration.
- or: 5. For the U.S. History concentration: One applied history course (3) and five electives in U.S. history (15), including at least two U.S. courses from each time period, "Origins to 1877" and "1877 to Present."
- or: 6. For the individualized concentration: Four or five electives (12-15 credits) of coursework approved by the program director. Students pursuing an individualized concentration will typically be required to complete 18 (not 15) credits in the breadth requirement outlined above.

## IV. COURSEWORK BEYOND MASON CORE, CHSS, AND HISTORY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (26-35+)

Includes minor(s), 2nd major, and/or general electives taken to reach 120 credits with 45 at upper level.