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For the most up-to-date faculty listings and specializations, see the program's Web site.

THE PROGRAM

The Ph.D. Program in History offers advanced study leading to the doctoral degree. In addition to equipping students with a thorough knowledge of their selected areas of specialization, the course of study is designed to provide comprehensive training in the historical craft through an emphasis on research and historiography. Part-time students are not admitted. General study and specializations are possible in a broad range of fields defined chronologically, regionally, and topically. The unique consortial nature of the program allows it to draw upon scholars from the Graduate Center as well as every college in the CUNY system.

Students are required to major in one field and minor in another. The fields currently offered are listed below.

Major Fields

Ancient History
Medieval Europe (300 to 1500)
Early Modern Europe (1300-1750)
Modern Europe (1700 to the present)
Middle East
History of Science
Jewish History
Latin America
United States (Colonial times to the present)
Women's History

Minor Fields

The minor is conceived as a second field of study, one that may be complementary to the major, but is not a subdivision of it. Students may minor in any of the fields that are designated as major fields. Additional minor fields that are offered at the Graduate Center include Lesbian and Gay History, African American History, Labor History, and Military History. Students may also choose interdisciplinary minors or minors in disciplines other than history.

En-route M.A.

Upon completing 45 credits with an average grade of B, passing the First Examination, and satisfactorily completing a major research paper, the student may apply for an M.A. degree. The degree is awarded formally by one of the participating CUNY colleges.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

In addition to the general University requirements stated earlier in this bulletin, the student must complete the following special requirements.

Course of Study A minimum of 60 credits of approved course work is required for a Ph.D. in history. By the end of their first year all students will have completed their first major research paper and at least half of the Literature Survey in their major field. Students in U.S. and Modern European history will have taken both halves of the Literature Survey. In the second year students will write a second research paper and prepare their minor fields. In the third year students will complete their course work and write a third research paper that will, ideally, become the basis for the dissertation prospectus.

Seminars Every student is required to take at least three seminars (but no more than four) as part of the 60 credits required for the Ph.D. in history. No student may take all three seminars with the same professor without the approval of the Executive Officer. To take a colloquium as a seminar requires the permission of the instructor and of the Executive Officer. Students may transfer as many as 30 credits of History graduate course work from other institutions, but the credits may not replace required courses in the Ph.D. program, except that one of the three required seminars may be fulfilled with transfer credits, upon consultation with the Executive Officer.

Literature Surveys Students must successfully complete two semesters of the 5-credit Literature Survey of the major field. A second two-semester Literature Survey will fulfill the requirements for the minor. If a Literature Survey is not offered in the desired major or minor, students must instead take four colloquia in the field.

First Examination Students must take the First Examination at the end of the semester in which the Literature Survey of the major is completed. In fields where no Literature Surveys are offered, students must take the First Examination between the completion of 30 and 45 credits.

Foreign Language Students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of at least one foreign language. Any additional language requirements beyond the first language requirement are determined by the student's faculty adviser and depend on the field in which the student is majoring. Students must pass one language examination by the time they have completed 30 credits of course work and fulfill any other language requirements by the time they have completed their course work. The choice of languages in which the student is examined must be approved by the student's adviser and the Executive Officer.

Second Examination An oral examination before three to five members of the faculty is required. Students are examined in both their major and minor fields. The oral exam must be taken within six months after the students complete their course work. If the six-month date falls in an off-course period, the student must take the exam no later than the beginning of the following semester

Dissertation A dissertation proposal must be approved by three to five members of the faculty within six months of passing the Second Examination. If the six-month date falls in an off-course period, the student must take the exam no later than the beginning of the following semester. The student is required to prepare the dissertation under the guidance of a member of the doctoral faculty. Upon recommendation of the faculty sponsor, the dissertation will be defended at an oral examination.

Courses

Descriptions of specific courses to be offered during a particular semester will be made available to all students in time for consultation with their advisers. 70000 courses, listed below, are colloquia, and 80000 courses are seminars. Seminars are 5-credit courses with the major emphasis on researching and writing a substantial research paper using primary sources. The dissertation seminar is a two-semester seminar taken after the student has passed her/his First Examination. Students receive grades of "SP" in the first semester and the appropriate letter grades after they have completed all course work in the second semester. Colloquia are reading courses. The traditional weekly reading assignment for colloquia is a monograph or the equivalent in articles and/or primary source materials. Faculty may also assign writing assignments on a regular basis. Reading in foreign languages is at the discretion of the instructor.

Unless otherwise stated, all courses are *30 hours plus conferences*. Colloquia courses are 3 credits; seminar courses are 5 credits.

Literature Surveys

HIST 80000 Literature Survey

Historiography

HIST 70230 The Writing of History

HIST 70200, HIST 80200 Colloquium, Seminar: Historical Literature

Ancient History

HIST 70310-80310 Colloquium, Seminar: History of Ancient Greece

HIST 70320-80320 Colloquium Seminar: Hellenistic History

HIST 70330-80330 Colloquium, Seminar: Roman History

Medieval European History

HIST 70400-80400 Colloquium, Seminar: Thought and Culture of the Middle Ages

HIST 70500-80500 Colloquium, Seminar: Economic and Social History of Medieval Europe

HIST 70600-80600 Colloquium, Seminar: Church and State in the Middle Ages

HIST 70800-80800 Studies in Medieval History

HIST 80700* Seminar: Problems and Methods in Medieval History

Modern European History

HIST 70900-80900 Studies in Modern European History

HIST 71000-81000 Colloquium, Seminar: Studies in the Political and Economic History of Early Modern Europe

HIST 71100-81100 Colloquium, Seminar: Studies in the Social and Cultural History of Early Modern Europe

HIST 71200-81200 Colloquium, Seminar: The Era of the French Revolution and Napoleon

HIST 71300-81300 Colloquium, Seminar: Nineteenth-Century Europe

HIST 71400-81400 Colloquium, Seminar: Europe in the Twentieth Century

HIST 71500-81500 Colloquium, Seminar: French History

HIST 71600-81600 Colloquium, Seminar: German History

HIST 71700-81700 Colloquium, Seminar: Italian History

HIST 71900*-81900* Colloquium, Seminar: Diplomatic History and International Relations

HIST 72000-82000 Colloquium, Seminar: Economic and Social History

HIST 72100-82100 Colloquium, Seminar: Intellectual and Cultural History

Russian and East European History

HIST 72900-82900 Studies in Russian and East European History

HIST 73000-83000 Colloquium, Seminar: Russia up to 1881

HIST 73100-83100 Colloquium, Seminar: Russia Since 1881

HIST 73200-83200 Colloquium, Seminar: Eastern Europe

British History

HIST 73900-83900 Studies in British History

HIST 74000-84000 Colloquium, Seminar: Studies in the Intellectual and Religious History of Early Modern Europe

HIST 74100-84100 Colloquium, Seminar: Georgian-Victorian England

HIST 74200-84200 Colloquium, Seminar: Twentieth-Century England

American History

HIST 74900-84900 Studies in American History

HIST 75000-85000 Colloquium, Seminar: Early American History

HIST 75100-85100 Colloquium, Seminar: The Middle Period

HIST 75200-85200 Colloquium, Seminar: The Civil War and Reconstruction

HIST 75300-85300 Colloquium, Seminar: The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era

HIST 75400-85400 Colloquium, Seminar: Intellectual and Cultural History

HIST 75500-85500 Colloquium, Seminar: Economic and Social History

HIST 75600-85600 Colloquium, Seminar: Diplomatic History and International Relations

HIST 75700-85700 Colloquium, Seminar: Recent American History

HIST 75800-85800 Colloquium, Seminar: American Urban History

HIST 75900-85900 Colloquium, Seminar: African American History

HIST 76000-86000 Colloquium, Seminar: African Diaspora

Latin American History

HIST 76900-86900 Studies in Latin American History

HIST 77000-87000 Colloquium, Seminar: The Colonial Empire

HIST 77100-87100 Colloquium, Seminar: Modern Latin America

HIST 77200-87200 Colloquium, Seminar: Intellectual and Cultural History

HIST 77300-87300 Colloquium, Seminar: Economic and Social History

Asian and Middle Eastern History

HIST 77900-87900 Studies in Asian History

HIST 77950-87950 Historical Literature of the Middle East, 1790-1923

HIST 78000-88000 Historical Literature of the Middle East and World War I to 2001

History of Science

HIST 78400-88400 Studies in History of Science

HIST 78500-88500 Colloquium, Seminar: Problems in the History of Science

Jewish History

HIST 78900-88900 Studies in Pre-Modern Jewish History

HIST 79000-89000 Studies in Modern European Jewish History

Women's History

HIST 74300-84300 Studies in Women's History

Independent Study and Tutorial

HIST 70250 Teaching History in College

1 credit, pass-fail

HIST 80100 Independent Historical Research

Variable credit

The course offers intensive study of a special field of history under the supervision of a doctoral faculty member. It consists of individual reading and research that may substitute for an entire term's work. Tutorials are encouraged. It is open to students, primarily those who have completed their first year of doctoral study, with the approval of the instructor and the Executive Officer and/or the student's adviser. With the permission of the student's adviser and the Executive Officer, this independent work may be repeated.

HIST 82500 Dissertation Preparation Seminar

5 credits

HIST 89900 Advanced Dissertation Seminar

0 credits

Level II students take HIST 82500 Dissertation Preparation Seminar for 5 credits, and Level III students take HIST 89900 Advanced Dissertation Seminar for 0 credits.

HIST 90000 Dissertation Supervision

1 credit

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