History – Museum Studies, M.A.

This option is designed for those who wish to pursue a career in museums, archives, or other public history areas. Vital to this pursuit is the expansion of the knowledge of history and the historian’s craft.

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Admission Requirements
Submit the following items to:
Jackson College of Graduate Studies
100 N. University Drive, NUC 404
Edmond, OK 73034

• Online application for admission (www.uco.edu/graduate/).
• One-page cover letter (statement of interest) explaining why the applicant wishes to pursue the M.A. in history.
• Writing sample (research paper or seminar paper).
• Two letters of recommendation.
• Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended with all degrees posted. All transcripts must be from accredited institutions. Undergraduate transcripts must show:
  ◦ A minimum 2.75 GPA overall or 3.00 GPA in the last 60 hours attempted.
  ◦ Complete 18 undergraduate hours in History with a GPA of 3.0.
  ◦ Complete HIST 3113 Historical Research with a minimum grade of “B” or be able to demonstrate research ability as determined by the graduate program director and the Chair of the Department of History and Geography. HIST 3113 may count as part of the 18 undergraduate hours in History (in part b.).
• The Graduate Records Examination (GRE) may be used for admission if the undergraduate GPA does not meet the minimum required. A score of 150 on the verbal portion and 4.0 on the writing assessment is required. See graduate program director for further information on the GRE score changes (pending Regent approval).
• Complete other prerequisites (if any) as determined by the graduate program director.
• Students with a native language other than English must submit evidence of English language proficiency. See Admission to Graduate Studies - English Language Proficiency (p.15).
  *Students falling below these standards may qualify for conditional admission. See Admissions to Graduate Studies (p.13).

Other Requirements
• Plan of Study. Each student must file a plan of study with his/her graduate program director and the Jackson College of Graduate Studies by the end of the first semester of graduate work. The plan must be signed and dated by the student and the graduate program director before it can be considered official.
• Advisory Committee. Create an Advisory Committee before the second semester of enrollment. An Advisory Committee of three faculty members will direct the program of each student. One member of the Advisory Committee will serve as chairperson and will assume the major responsibility for advising the student. The department’s director of graduate studies will maintain all student records and will serve as an advisor in supervising the student’s progress toward a degree.
• Academic Standards. Meet the following course work standards:
  ◦ Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
  ◦ No more than 6 hours of “C”.
  ◦ No more than six director-approved hours from traditional correspondence courses.
  ◦ In addition to the Required Core Courses (HIST 5013 and HIST 5910 Research Seminar) a minimum of six hours from courses offered at the 5000-level (not cross-listed with a 4000-level course) is required.
• Language Requirement. Demonstrate reading knowledge of a second language in one of the following ways:
  ◦ Pass a language reading examination administered by the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultural Studies.
  ◦ Earn a “C” or better in two sequenced courses in the one language (6 to 10 credit hours). These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
  ◦ Produce evidence of having earned a “C” or better in two sequenced courses in the one language (6 to 10 credit hours) at an accredited college or university. These hours will not count toward the M.A. degree.
• Thesis or Comprehensive Examination Option.
  ◦ Thesis Option: Prepare a prospectus and meet with the advisory committee during the early stages of thesis work for review and feedback. Complete an acceptable thesis (six credit hours) and successfully defend it in public, provide two paper copies of the thesis and one electronic copy to the library through Proquest and the title page, original signature page, summary and abstract page to the JCGS.
  ◦ Comprehensive Examination Option: Upon satisfactory completion of the written examination, the student will take a one-hour oral examination administered by the advisory committee.
  ◦ Achieve a minimum score of “pass” on the thesis defense or comprehensive examination. With the approval of the graduate program director, a student who fails the thesis defense or comprehensive examination may petition to be reexamined in the graduate examination period the following semester.
• Final Requirements. Apply for graduation through the JCGS by advertised deadline.

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Graduation Requirements

Required Courses .......................................................... 18 Hours

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<td>Seminar in Hist. - Must be research seminar; cannot be cross-listed with HIST 4910</td>
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<td>Internship - (6 Hours) - Must be under supervision of Director of Museum Studies.</td>
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Guided Electives .......................................................... 15 Hours

- Complete 6 hours of any graduate History courses
- Complete 9 Hours of any graduate History or other graduate courses
- All History electives or other electives must be approved by the student's advisor committee and may include thesis hours.

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED .................................................. 33 HOURS