Graduate Program in History

Department of History and Geography
College of Liberal Arts

The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), founded in 1890, is located on a 210-acre campus in Edmond, a northern suburb of Oklahoma City, with an enrollment exceeding 17,000. UCO is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as a bachelor’s and master’s degree granting institution. The University consists of five undergraduate colleges and a college of graduate studies, with day, evening, weekend and online course offerings. UCO awards ten bachelor’s degrees, offering 113 majors in 61 programs of study. Students may also earn an associate’s degree in one of three concentrations at the Academy of Contemporary Music at UCO. Seven master’s degrees are offered in 63 majors in 35 programs of study. UCO also offers study in six non-degree pre-professional areas and one certificate program.

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On the front: Dr. Katrina Lacher’s Social and Cultural History class engages in a discussion in our transformative learning outdoor classroom.

Graduate students Michael Molina and Fiona Huang present their work at Oklahoma Research Day.

“The Department of History and Geography at the University of Central Oklahoma comprises one of the best departments in Native and Latin American studies in the country. The professors are stellar. They give devoted attention to each graduate student. Classes provide an intimate and caring approach to the needs of all students.”

Neal M. Hampton, Graduate Student in Latin American History, Department of History and Geography, University of Central Oklahoma
The University of Central Oklahoma’s graduate program in history offers two Master of Arts degrees: the M.A. in History and the M.A. in History-Museum Studies. Program offerings reflect the Department of History and Geography’s commitment to the highest standards of research and writing, professional development, critical thinking and civic skills, and an awareness and understanding of diverse cultures. Fields of expertise include the histories of the United States, Europe, Latin America, and Asia. A minimum of 33 credit hours is required for completion of the graduate degree.

History M.A. students engage in research and readings seminars devoted to key topics of history that will help develop students as scholars in their field of expertise. The program offers both thesis and non-thesis options.

“Our graduate program provides students with the opportunity to engage in international archival research, conference presentations, and internships. Our small class sizes enable graduate students to get individualized attention and guidance. In addition, UCO’s commitment to transformative learning supports student growth and creativity.”

Patti Loughlin, Ph.D., Department Chair, Department of History and Geography

Examples of Classes Available for Graduate Students
History of the American West
The Holocaust
American Environmental History
History of Sex in the Americas
History of Oil
Black Power in the Atlantic World
Oklahoma from a National Perspective
Revolution and Christianity in Latin America
U.S. Military History since 1900
History of the Cold War in Asia
History of Ancient Greece
History of U.S. Technology
American Indian Women
Field Study in History

History M.A. students have the opportunity to complete field work in history in courses that are taught around the globe. One popular course is Applied Research in London. This course teaches students how to access and collect data at research institutes such as the British Library, National Public Record Office, Parliamentary Archives, and the London Metropolitan Archives. Although this class is highly rigorous, students who complete this course fare well in receiving admissions to Ph.D. programs.

Join Student Organizations
• Rho Lambda Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, history honor society
• Future Museum Professionals Organization
• The Pat Beard Society for graduate students

Conference Presentations, Research Opportunities and Funding
Tuition Waivers and stipends available through Teaching Assistantships
Department scholarships and awards
Travel presentation grants and research support
Presentations of scholarly work at conferences such as the regional Phi Alpha Theta conference, the Mid-America Conference on History, the Oklahoma Historical Society Annual Meeting, the Oklahoma

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