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On the front: UCO students learn about medieval principalities at the Marksburg Castle in Braubach, Germany, as part of the Germany Study Tour led by Dr. H. R. Nollert (Department of Modern Languages and Cultures) and Dr. Michael Springer (Department of History and Geography).

Graduate students Michael Molina and Fiona Huang present their work at Oklahoma Research Day.
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The University of Central Oklahoma’s graduate program in history offers three Master of Arts degrees: the M.A. in History, the M.A. in History-Museum Studies, and the M.A. in History-Social Studies Teaching. 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, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. A minimum of 33 credit hours is required for completion of the graduate degree.

M.A. in History
The M.A. in history prepares students for Ph.D. programs, careers in teaching and research, government and business.
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M.A. in History–Museum Studies
The Museum Studies Program offers training and professional development opportunities for careers in museums, archives, historical organizations, national parks, corporate collections, and historic preservation programs.

“In addition to coursework and on-site training, we encourage students to actively participate in museum associations, to attend professional development seminars and workshops, and to present papers at history and museum conferences. We also work closely with museum professionals to develop opportunities for student internships, volunteer service, and employment.”
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Director of the Museum Studies Program

• On-Site Training: Participate in volunteer service, internships, and research in museums and related organizations
• Hands-On Experience: Develop professional skills at the UCO Laboratory of History Museum, by participating in the development of exhibits, preserving and managing collections, and presenting programs and services
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M.A. in History–Social Studies Teaching
The M.A. in History-Social Studies Teaching offers advanced preparation for teachers interested in enhancing their social studies and civic education skills.
• Current Oklahoma Standard Teaching Certificate of License required
• Social studies courses include history, geography, political science, economics, and sociology, with 9 credit hours in professional teacher education
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Join Student Organizations
• Rho Lambda Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, history honor society
• Future Museum Professionals Organization
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Conference Presentations, Research Opportunities and Scholarships
• Graduate students regularly present scholarly work at the regional Phi Alpha Theta conference, the Mid-America Conference on History, the Oklahoma Historical Society Annual Meeting, the Oklahoma Museum Association Annual Conference, and Mountain-Plains Museums Association
• Publication opportunities in The Chronicles of Oklahoma and the American Review of China Studies
• Professional development workshops