Doctor of Philosophy in the Field of History

Requirements

Specific admission requirements are shown on the Graduate Program Finder. (http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs)

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext), including the satisfactory completion of the General Examination.

The requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Program (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#doctoraltext).

All students must take HIST 6005 History and Historians. Some students must pass language exams appropriate to their field and dissertation topic. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 to remain in the program.

Candidates in American history must select two major fields from early America (to 1815), 19th-century America (1815-1900), and 20th-century America (1900-). The minor field will normally be topical (e.g., U.S. social, U.S. diplomatic, historic preservation).

Candidates in imperial and colonial history take HIST 6128 Europe and the World, 1500-Present and HIST 6050 Modernization, Imperialism, Globalization and select two major and one minor field. Fields can include, but are not limited to, such combinations as Europe and the Americas (1500-1900), Europe and Asia, Europe and the Middle East, Europe and Africa, the U.S. and Asia, and China and Japan.

Candidates in Asian history select two major fields from modern China, modern Japan, modern Korea, and modern Southeast Asia. The minor field is chosen in consultation with the advisor.

Candidates concentrating in areas other than those outlined above must select one major and two minor fields. Major fields are early modern Europe, modern Europe, Latin America, modern Middle East, modern Eastern Europe, modern Russia, and military history. The minor fields may be either topical (e.g., European intellectual) or chronological (e.g., Tudor and Stuart England, colonial Latin America).

All candidates may choose to be examined in one minor field other than history if it is relevant to the program of study.

Visit the program website (https://history.columbian.gwu.edu/graduate) for additional information.