MASTER OF ARTS IN THE FIELD OF HISTORY

Students delve into history with George Washington University’s world-renowned scholars. The program’s proximity to some of the most important research repositories in the world—the National Archives, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the National Security Archive, and the Smithsonian museums—makes GW an ideal place to examine a variety of fields, from Renaissance Europe to the Cold War, and from imperial and colonial studies to modern American political and social history. Because the programs are relatively small, students work closely with faculty and graduate with the knowledge, analytical tools and writing skills for a range of professions.

The MA program offers students the opportunity to focus on an area of their choice. Alternatively, students may opt to specialize in one of the departments’ concentrations: History and Public Policy; Imperial and Colonial Studies; and US Legal History. The program prepares students for PhD work and careers that range from teaching high school, working for the government, or conducting research within the private sector.

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

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:

- Fall – April 1 (February 1 for fellowship consideration)
- Spring – October 1

Standardized GRE general test is not required.

Test scores:

- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:

- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or
- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 53

Recommended recommendation(s) required:

Recommendations should be submitted by professionals familiar with the applicant’s academic work and potential for graduate study.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences - Office of Graduate Studies
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/) page.

Contact:

askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
REQUIREMENTS

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).

A minimum of 30 credits in upper-level undergraduate and graduate-level courses, including completion of 6 credits in a field of focus*. Remaining credits are taken in elective courses selected in consultation with the advisor.

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.3 to remain in good standing and to earn the degree.

*A field of focus is centered on a specific period, region, or theme. Students work with the MA advisor to decide the specifics of their field of focus.

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