

About Our Program

The Master of Arts degree in History gives you a variety of opportunities for career growth and intellectual enrichment. The MA degree provides additional content training for teachers, preparation for more advanced graduate work to those desiring a Ph.D., and skills to professionals in public service and business. Our MA program in History allows for wide-ranging preparation in many content areas as well as specific guided research through course assignments and the Master's thesis. History faculty offer a diverse number of courses covering topics in United States, Mexican, European, and World History from ancient times to the 20th century. You not only learn about the scholarly traditions of History, but also receive practical training in research, writing, and critical thinking skills. Graduates will find that their MA degree in History prepares them for new challenges intellectually and professionally.

Why Should You Come Here?

Texas A&M International University's Master of Arts degree in History offers you the opportunity to gain wide-ranging knowledge in a variety of historical disciplines as well as targeted study in specific subjects of your interest. Our faculty are trained in many different fields and specializations, providing you the chance to explore any number of research topics. In particular, Laredo is home to a significant number of primary documents in Spanish colonial,

Mexican, and South Texas history, creating opportunities for first-hand research in fast-growing areas of historical interest.

TAMIU's campus represents more than a \$200 million investment in new facilities. You will take courses in the first new campus in Texas in over 20 years. Our campus is situated in the heart of South Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border in Laredo, Texas, affording immense opportunities for international, comparative and developmental studies. You will study in our new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities, such as the Lamar Bruni Vergara Science Center.

Our classroom and facilities incorporate the latest trends in evolving Internet and information exchange. On-campus housing facilities are also wired for high-speed free Internet. Eighteen computer labs help assure that you will work in an environment where the student-to-computer ratio is 10 to 1.

Another essential element in your graduate study at TAMIU is the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library, the cornerstone of our on-campus support centers.

The Library houses more than 196,000 bound volumes and provides access to 1,492 print periodical subscriptions and over 8,000 electronic journals in full text or full image. Over 765,000 microform units and over 70,000 state and federal documents are available to library users.



MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

About Our Faculty

The graduate faculty in History all hold Ph.D. degrees in their fields of specialty and in combination represent decades of classroom and research experience. You can expect faculty to offer courses on a variety of historical eras, regions, and topics, including political, military, social, and cultural history of the United States, Mexico, Europe, and the World. History professors at TAMIU offer personalized attention to their graduate students in the seminar classrooms, one-on-one conferences, and thesis preparation.

History

Careers

A Master's degree in History is one of the most versatile graduate degrees a student can possess. You will be prepared for any number of career options by the in-depth study of content areas along with the training in writing and critical thinking skills provided by the MA in History. Consider government agencies, such as the Foreign Service or policy-making bodies. History MA degree-holders have an edge in communication-oriented fields such as business and journalism.

As the digital age accelerates, archives and libraries will continually need the support of trained historians. With an MA in History, you are eligible to teach at most community colleges, and a likely candidate for advancement in the public school systems. You will also be prepared to move on to further graduate work, such as the Ph.D. in History or law school.

Graduates of our program also have the opportunity to teach at community colleges and some university campuses. You can stay in Texas and work or move and work! Opportunities abound for you in this field!

Graduate Assistantships

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available each year to students. Interested parties may contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 956.326.3027.



How Do I Apply?

- Complete and submit University graduate application and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required.
- All applications can be downloaded from www.tamtu.edu/gradschool/admissions or visit www.applytexas.org
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.
- Write a student narrative describing particular academic and career goals and objectives. Narratives must contain a minimum of 300 words.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Review additional program requirements in the graduate application.

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please visit or call:

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