

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY, PLAN B, LIBERAL ARTS SPECIALIZATION

The Master of Arts in History, Plan B, Liberal Arts Specialization is a rigorous degree plan based in coursework and internships, but which does not require a thesis or foreign language proficiency test. This program of study is especially appropriate for those desiring to pursue studies in general public history, employment in secondary education (licensure may be required), or those who do not want to pursue further advanced degrees.

Working closely with a faculty mentor in one of our department's areas of expertise (for example, U.S. history, environmental history, public history), students on Plan B complete coursework and are encouraged to pursue internships or practicums. Coursework on Plan B, and in all of our programs of study, is based in small seminars and stresses historiography, research methods, and hands-on experience.

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.

Learning Objectives

Students who successfully complete the program will:

1. Develop historical research questions and conduct historical synthesis, analysis, and interpretation using primary and secondary source research.
2. Develop the critical reading, speaking, and writing skills essential to professional historical practice.
3. Define historical narratives and develop both breadth and depth of knowledge in the historiography of chosen fields of study.
4. Practice historical methods in various settings, which may include academic, applied, and/or public.