

UMSL | Graduate School

Master of Arts (MA) History

Degree Program

The department offers students two ways of completing the degree:

1. **Thesis option:** 32 credit hours of which 26 are core courses.
 - a. Emphasizes depth of knowledge and research competence acquired through writing a substantial master's thesis.
2. **Research paper option:** 36 credit hours of which 26 are core courses.
 - a. Emphasizes breadth of historical knowledge acquired through graduate course work and the writing of research papers.

The department offers study in European history, United States history, Latin American history, African history, and African American history.

Program website

<http://www.umsl.edu/~umslhistory/Graduate%20Programs/index.html>

Entrance Requirements

1. Application
 - a. <http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
2. Writing Sample
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
4. Grade Point Average
 - a. Minimum of 3.2 on 4.0 scale.
5. Entrance examinations
 - a. There are no entrance exams for domestic students.
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
6. Letters of recommendation
 - a. Three letters of recommendation.
7. Statement of Purpose

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: March 15

Spring Semester: October 15

**Late applications may be considered.*

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

Graduate Program Director

Dr. Andrew Hurley

Phone: (314) 516-5681

Email: ahurley@umsl.edu