

HISTORY (MA IN HISTORY)

To fulfill the thesis requirement, students will take two semesters of coursework and prepare a research portfolio. Most full-time students will complete the requirements within one year. The History Department's Graduate Regulations (<https://www.wm.edu/as/history/gradprogram/currentgrad/graduate regulations/>) contain details on how to fulfill the following requirements.

Course Requirements

The total credit hour requirement for the M.A. in History is 30 credits, including the following:

Code	Title	Hours
HIST 695	Dir Thesis Master's Research	6
HIST 701	Historian's Craft	3
HIST 712	Research Seminars (Select two for a total of 6 credits) ¹	6
HIST 715	Readings Seminars (Select three for a total of 9 credits) ¹	9
HIST 700	Thesis ²	6
Total Hours		30

¹ Students may take up to 6 credits in HIST 590 Topics in History or graduate-level courses in other departments/programs. These courses will usually serve as a substitute for HIST 715 Readings Seminars, and if appropriate, HIST 712 Research Seminars.

² No more than 6 credits of HIST 700 Thesis may be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Thesis Requirement

To fulfill the thesis requirement, students will prepare a research portfolio consisting of two major research papers approved by a committee.

Exam Requirement

See the Graduate Regulations (<https://www.wm.edu/as/history/gradprogram/currentgrad/graduate regulations/>).

Foreign Language Requirement

Candidates must demonstrate by departmental examination a reading knowledge of a language other than English.

Residence Requirement

Full-time M.A. students must be in residence for at least two semesters.

Satisfactory Progress

Full-time M.A. students must complete all degree requirements by the end of the fourth semester following matriculation. Those admitted as part-time students must complete all degree requirements within three years of starting the program.

To be eligible to graduate, all students must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all courses undertaken for graduate credit at William & Mary after admission to a degree program. A student who receives a grade of C+ (2.3) or lower in a course may repeat that course one time for credit, upon approval of both the instructor of the course and the graduate director for the student's program. When such a

repeat attempt is approved, the grades for both attempts will count in the cumulative GPA, but only the most recent attempt will count toward the degree. No credit toward a degree will be allowed for a course in which a student receives a grade below C (grade point = 2.0).

All requirements for the master's degree must be completed within six years from the first term of enrollment in the master's program, excluding periods of approved leave and military service. Requests for extension beyond the six-year limit must be filed following the procedures outlined in Time Limits for Degrees and Extensions in the Graduate Arts & Sciences Catalog.