

# HISTORY (MA) - THESIS OPTION

All candidates for the Master of Arts degree in History, regardless of which of the two tracks they are following, must complete the following requirements:

- # A minimum of 30 credit hours with grade of "A" or "B".
- # A minimum of 21 credit hours completed at the University of South Alabama.
- # A maximum of 18 credit hours of 500 level courses that are dual-listed at the 400 level. Graduate students will only receive graduate credit for the 500 level version of dual-listed courses.
- # Complete 2 core courses. Choose 1 core course from HY 530 (<https://bulletin.southalabama.edu/search/?P=HY%20530>), HY 540 (<https://bulletin.southalabama.edu/search/?P=HY%20540>), or HY 542 (<https://bulletin.southalabama.edu/search/?P=HY%20542>). The second core course is HY 583 Research Experience.
- # Choose a major field with 12 credits of coursework. Fields include American History, European History, World History, Public History, Historical or approved Interdisciplinary Topical Fields.

## Thesis Option

- Complete six credit hours of HY 599.
- Submit an approved thesis prospectus.
- Formally defend their thesis in public (Students must be enrolled in at least one hour of HY 599 in the semester they defend).
- Submit an approved thesis in accordance with Graduate School regulations.

## Degree Requirements

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- A minimum of 30 credit hours with grade of "A" or "B".
- A minimum of 21 credit hours completed at the University of South Alabama.
- A maximum of 9 credit hours of 500 level courses that are dual-listed at the 400 level. Graduate students will only receive graduate credit for the 500 level version of dual-listed courses. These courses will require extra work beyond that expected of undergraduates in the 400 level course.
- At least 21 credit hours at the 500 level courses that are not dual-listed with the 400 level.
- Complete two required classes; one of HY 530, HY 540, or HY 542. The second required class is HY 583 Research Experience.
- Choose a major field with 12 credits of coursework, from among the following fields: American History, European History or World History, Topical Fields (such as gender history, military history, etc.)

**Note:** A grade of "C" or below is not considered a passing grade by the Department of History. Students receiving such a grade in a required course must make-up the hours.

Requirements for topical fields vary. Students must check with graduate coordinator for specific requirements. The remaining requirements are dictated by the track in which students choose to study.

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