



FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

HISTORY (MA)

The Master of Arts in History (called Joint Master's Program or JMP) is offered jointly by the History Departments of The University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba. The program prepares students to undertake independent research and place their findings within their historical context, and ensures that they acquire a comprehensive knowledge of at least two areas of historical study.

Students in the program choose one of four streams: a major research paper MA, a course MA, a thesis MA, or an Archival Studies stream. Specialized work is offered in many areas of historical study: the Americas, Asia and Africa; Britain and the Commonwealth; Canada; Medieval and Early Modern Europe; Modern Europe; History of Science; Modern World; Archival Studies. Courses and thesis direction are offered at both universities.

Students in the program with no previous training in Historiography and/or Historical Methods will need to take a 6 credit hour graduate course in this field. In addition, all students in the program will be required to demonstrate a reading knowledge of a second language, relevant to their research program.

The Course and Major Research Paper streams are designed as 12-month programs, while the Thesis and Archival Studies streams are designed as two-year programs. All necessary requirements for the MA in History must be fulfilled within four years of the original date of entry into the JMP. Students must re-register for each year until their program is completed.

Students completing the Joint MA in History will receive a joint parchment, and may choose to participate in convocation at either of the two universities.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates are prepared to enter PhD programs or to put their knowledge to work as teachers or professional researchers or to find employment in government, the law, journalism, museums, libraries, or archives.

SAMPLE COURSES

TROPICAL AFRICA IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES Emphasis will be placed on the development of the European-African relationship from the end of the slave trade to independence. Specific topics considered will be imperialism, African nationalism, colonialism, independence movements, revolutionary wars, and the European legacy in Africa.

CANADIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS A historical survey in which the student may concentrate on such periods and aspects (political, economic, cultural, diplomatic, etc.) as may be of particular interest.

IMPERIALISM, DECOLONIZATION, AND NEO-COLONIALISM, 1700-PRESENT This is an exploration of theoretically informed literature that has attempted to engage with and understand Imperialism, and Colonialism, Anti-Colonial Nationalism, National Liberation Movements, and Neo-Colonialism.

POPULAR RADICALISM IN THE MODERN WORLD Selected topics in the history of popular movements of social and political protest in the modern world. The course considers problems such as the development of radical theory and political practice, and the culture of dissent.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Early Modern European History
- The Russian Revolution
- Scientific Studies in the Middle Ages
- American Diplomatic History
- History of Aboriginal Rights
- Introduction to Documentary Editing

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

a) For admission into any stream, the candidate must hold a BA Honours degree or equivalent in History with at least a 'B' standing, or a grade point average of 3.0. Students admitted to the Archives Program must have attained the equivalent of a B+ standing;

b) Students who lack this qualification, but have an acceptable general degree with a History major (and grade point average of 3.0 in their History courses) are generally admitted to the Pre-Master's Program;

c) English Requirement (if applicant's first language is not English): Minimum TOEFL score 550 (paper-based), 213(computer-based), 86 (internet-based) OR International English Language Testing System IELTS (6.5). The test should have been taken within two years of the date a completed application is filed. For more information, please read: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/future-student/docs/English-language-requirements-policy.pdf>.

HOW TO APPLY

Students must apply for this joint program through the University of Manitoba. Please visit <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/history/graduate/gradapplying.html> for all information regarding the application procedure.

Deadline for application is January 15th for enrolment in September.

Please visit http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/history/awards/grad_award.html for all information regarding awards and financial aid.

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