History, MA

In addition to the requirements of UAH’s graduate school, the History Department requires the following for the Master of Arts degree:

Plan A: Thesis with Language
1. 30 semester hours total;
2. HY 605 is required;
3. At least nine additional semester hours in courses numbered 600 or above (excluding thesis semester hours at UAH). At least 50 percent of the semester hours for a graduate degree (excluding thesis semester hours) in courses numbered 600 or above;
4. At least twelve additional semester hours in courses numbered 500 or above (excluding thesis semester hours at UAH);
5. Within the 24 non-thesis semester hours, eighteen semester hours of graduate work in history.
   a. Equal course distribution of U.S. and non-U.S. history is expected within these 18 semester hours;
   b. Twelve semester hours may be transfer credit approved by the departmental graduate committee.
   c. Six semester hours of elective graduate courses in a related subject approved by the graduate committee;
6. Master’s thesis carrying a minimum of six semester hours credit; In order to write a thesis, the student must have a 3.75 GPA in the first twelve semester hours taken, or permission of the department chair.
7. Reading proficiency in French, German, Latin, Russian, or Spanish;
8. Oral comprehensive examination covering courses and thesis. Students must demonstrate competency in at least two fields of history.

Plan B: Thesis without Language
Same as above, excluding language requirement.

Plan C: Non-Thesis
1. 33 semester hours total;
2. HY 605 is required;
3. Fifteen additional semester hours in courses 600 or above. At least 50 percent of the semester hours for a graduate degree (excluding thesis semester hours) in courses numbered 600 or above;
4. At least fifteen additional semester hours in courses numbered 500 or above (excluding thesis semester hours at UAH);
5. Within thirty-three semester hours total,
   a. Eighteen semester hours equally distributed between U.S. and non-U.S. history.
   b. Twelve semester hours in history may be transfer credit approved by the departmental graduate committee.
   c. Six semester hours of elective graduate courses in a related subject approved by the graduate committee.
6. Oral and written comprehensive examination covering coursework. Students must demonstrate competency in at least two fields of history.

The requirements for the Master of Arts degree for those students seeking Class A certification are the same as above with the following exceptions:

Class A Teacher Certification in History (non-thesis)
1. 33 semester hours total;
2. Nine semester hours in courses 600 or above in Education;
3. HY 605 is required;
4. Six additional semester hours in courses 600 or above are required. At least 50 percent of the semester hours for a graduate degree (excluding thesis semester hours) in courses numbered 600 or above;
5. At least fifteen additional semester hours in history courses numbered 500 or above (excluding thesis semester hours at UAH);
6. Within twenty-four semester hours in history sub-total,
   a. Eighteen semester hours equally distributed between U.S. and non-U.S. history.
   b. Twelve semester hours in history may be transfer credit approved by the departmental graduate committee.
   c. Six semester hours of elective graduate courses in a related subject approved by the graduate committee.
7. Oral and written comprehensive examination covering coursework. Students must demonstrate competency in at least two fields of history.
8. The College of Education will coordinate and direct any supplementary requirements.

The History Department does not recommend undertaking an MA thesis in History and teacher certification. If a student wishes to pursue this option, they should consult with the History Department Chair.