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, 18 semester hours of graduate work in history.
   a. Three semesters hours in US history, three semester hours in Europe (ancient/modern), and three semester hours in world (Asia, Latin America, Middle East, or world/comparative) are required.
   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 3.750 GPA in the first 12 semester hours taken, complete the Letter of Intent (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n5KmtjAaM-YiJ_TnsCaHn_aNDa0ooANh/view/?usp=sharing), and have that letter approved and signed.
7. Reading proficiency in French, German, Latin, Russian, or Spanish.
8. Successful oral defense of the student's thesis required.

**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 15 additional semester hours in courses numbered 500 or above (excluding thesis semester hours at UAH).
5. Within 33 program semester hours, a student must take
   a. Three semesters hours in U.S. history, three semester hours in European history (ancient/modern), and three semester hours in world history (Asia, Latin America, Middle East, or world/comparative) are required.
   b. Twelve semester hours in history may be transfer credit approved by the departmental graduate committee.
   c. Six semester hours of elective graduate courses 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 or complete HY698 (https://catalog.uah.edu/grad/course-descriptions/hy/) and do an oral comprehensive exam covering their research and courses.

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 15 additional semester hours in history courses numbered 500 or above (excluding thesis semester hours at UAH);
6. Within the 24 semester hours in history, a student must take
   a. Three semesters hours in U.S. history, three semester hours in European history (ancient/modern), and three semester hours in world history (Asia, Latin America, Middle East, or world/comparative) are required.
   b. Twelve semester hours in history may be transfer credit approved by the departmental graduate committee.
   c. Six semester hours of elective graduate courses 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.

Graduate Certificates

- Comparative Cultures and Conflicts (http://catalog.uah.edu/grad/colleges-departments/arts-humanities-social-sciences/history-MA/comparative-cultures-conflicts/)