

HIGHLIGHTS

What makes UGA history different from other programs?

We have a dedicated cadre of public historians and museum specialists. Our Interdisciplinary Certificate Program in [Museum Studies](#) provides graduate students a broad overview of the history of museums as well as knowledge of museum methodology and practice consistent with contemporary national and international standards. The program gives particular attention to issues of museum history, ethics, the relationships of museums to communities and diverse audiences, educational programs, and an examination of diverse types of collections and interpretations. The 16-credit program includes traditional coursework, an internship, and field study opportunities.

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Our graduate students also have the opportunity to participate in paid internships with the [University of Georgia Press](#), the [Atlanta History Center](#), and [UGA's Special Collections Library](#).



CONTACTS

If you have any questions concerning our program, please contact our Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Cassia Roth (hisCOORD@uga.edu); our Graduate Program Advisor, Laurie Kane (history@uga.edu); or call our office at (706) 542-2053. We look forward to receiving your application.

[HISTORY.UGA.EDU/GRADUATE](https://history.uga.edu/graduate)

GRADUATE PROGRAMS



Department of History
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OVERVIEW

Thank you for your interest in applying to the graduate program in history at the University of Georgia. You can find further information on admissions, programs, and policies on our website.

The stature and competitiveness of the Department of History have grown in recent years, as our professors and students have won grants and awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Guggenheim Foundation, Fulbright Program, National Science Foundation, Social Science Research Council, American Council of Learned Societies, and many other national and international academic organizations.

Alongside our traditional strength in the history of the American South, our faculty members have expertise in African-American history, global capitalism, agriculture and the environment, labor, gender, science and medicine, Latin America, and the Atlantic World. Many of our faculty hold joint-appointments or are affiliated faculty with other colleges or interdisciplinary institutes including the [College of Environment and Design](#); the [Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute](#); the [Institute for Women's Studies](#); the [Institute for Native American Studies](#); and the [Institute for African American Studies](#). We offer an interdisciplinary museum studies certificate and numerous courses in public history.

The diversity of interests among our faculty enables us to offer students a comparative perspective and a well-rounded graduate education. We believe you will find the Department of History a challenging and stimulating intellectual environment.



PLACEMENTS

Graduates of our M.A. and Ph.D. programs work in both academic and professional fields, including as tenure-track professors, archivists, academic advisors, editors, public historians, and museum curators.

The History Department prepares candidates for placement in the history profession and other career pathways. Working with their advisory committee and the Director of Graduate Studies, job candidates develop techniques for crafting letters of application, writing an effective C.V., and compiling a dossier of writing samples and letters of recommendation. In the teacher training course, HIST 8001, Ph.D. students learn to write effective statements of teaching philosophy and sample course syllabuses.

We currently offer a Professional Development Workshop series every semester. Workshops include CV/resumé writing, navigating the job market, alternative career paths, academic publishing, peer-reviewing, and grant-writing.

ADMISSIONS

Although the admissions process is highly selective, the Department strives to create a collegial atmosphere to nurture scholars and teachers of varied backgrounds, interests, and skills.

The Department grants B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Please note that all our graduate programs are for full-time, residential students. We accept applications only for admission in the following fall semester. The deadline for receiving applications and all supporting documents, including transcripts, TOEFL scores (if required), recommendations, writing sample, personal statement, and application for financial aid (the assistantship application) is December 1. Applicants seeking admission must apply electronically through the [Graduate School's webpage](#).

The completed application, which includes supporting documents such as official transcripts, test scores, the application fee, and the supplemental materials required by the Department of History must be uploaded to the Graduate School's application portal. The Department of History requires a personal statement, writing sample, CV or resumé, and at least three letters of recommendation. After successfully submitting your application, you will be asked to also fill out a short supplemental survey form on your research interests. The Department's Graduate Studies Committee makes recommendations to the Graduate School on admissions and financial aid early in the year and communicates these decisions to applicants in the spring no later than April 15.

