History

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The Department of History offers graduate work in the history of ancient, medieval, and modern Europe, the United States, Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

The department offers BA, MA, and PhD degrees with majors in History. The department offers an emphasis in Public History for undergraduate history majors. A minor is also available.

Faculty

Curators Professor  A. M. Smith**, J. Sperber**
Assistant Professor  K. Bowers, C. Dierksheide, K. Ervin**, V. McFarland**, D. Yang

Associate Professor Emeritus  L. Okamura**
  * Graduate Faculty Member - membership is required to teach graduate-level courses, chair master's thesis committees, and serve on doctoral examination and dissertation committees.
  ** Doctoral Faculty Member - membership is required to chair doctoral examination or dissertation committees.
  Graduate faculty membership is a prerequisite for Doctoral faculty membership.

Undergraduate

• BA in History (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/history/ba-history)
  • with emphasis in Public History (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/history/ba-history-emphasis-public-history)
  • Minor in History (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/history/minor-history)

Graduate

• MA in History (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/history/ma-history)
• PhD in History (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/history/phd-history)

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Director of Graduate Studies: Robert Smale

By any measure one might choose, the History Department at the University of Missouri is an outstanding one. Our faculty has compiled a distinguished record of scholarship, receiving major awards to support their research from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and many other sponsors of cutting edge scholarship. Their books have won prizes from the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians and other national and regional scholarly organizations.

The department’s teaching record is every bit as distinguished as its record of scholarly accomplishment. Graduate students work closely with professors in advanced seminars and write theses and dissertations on a wide variety of topics. The teaching opportunities the department offers graduate students prepare them well for dealing with the difficult job market for new history PhDs. Over the last ten years, University of Missouri history PhDs have found positions at more than forty different colleges and universities across the United States.

Areas of Study

Lecture courses, seminars and directed research projects are available on the histories of Western Europe, East Asia, Latin America, and the United States. While students are expected to get specialized training in the fields of their choice, they are also urged to develop a broad historical background.

Facilities and Resources

Ellis Library has substantial research materials in all fields of graduate study, including an unusual collection of more than 5,000 pamphlets on 17th- and 18th-century British history and 18th- and 19th-century British and continental journals, including publications of all the major academies. The Health Sciences Library has excellent publications on the history of medicine. An additional resource is the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, a unique repository of material for regional studies in political, social and economic history. The State Historical Society of Missouri has an outstanding library of finding aids and primary and secondary works dealing with Missouri history. The graduate program also has available the resources of the Truman Library at Independence, Missouri.

Internal Funding

Applicants may compete for Office of Graduate Studies fellowships for entering students. Office of Graduate Studies fellowships require departmental nomination. Interested students should consult with the director of graduate studies for further details. The department provides qualified students the opportunity to gain college-level teaching experience as teaching assistants who conduct discussion sections in American and European history. Pending administrative approval and availability of funding, they earn at least $18,000 an academic year at the PhD level and carry nine semester hours. Each appointment is subject to annual review and may be renewed up to a maximum of six years.