Georgia State University
Department of History

PhD Program Requirements

Brief Overview (for complete details see our Graduate Handbook)

1. Ten courses

Three required courses:
- History 7000: Introduction to Historical Methods/Theory
- History 7050: Introduction to Graduate Studies and Pedagogy (or History 7045 w/o Pedagogy component)
- History 7060: Research Seminar

And one of the following (in the student’s major field):
- History 7010: Issues and Interpretations in U.S. History
- History 7020: Issues and Interpretations in European History
- History 7030: Issues and Interpretations in World History
- History 7040: Issues and Interpretations in Public History

plus six other graduate courses geared toward preparing for comprehensive exams.

2. Reading knowledge of two foreign languages

   Can be satisfied through coursework or passing a translation exam.

3. Comprehensive exams testing student on one major field and two minor fields

   - Students must take three courses in their major field and two in each of their minor fields.
   - Geographical and chronological distribution requirements ensure breadth.

4. Dissertation Prospectus Defense

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