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 a foreign language

   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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