

**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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