Students from other departments or programs in the University can apply to the History Department for approval to receive a joint Ph.D. degree with History. The timing should be as is rational for the student’s program, but as early in their time at the University as possible so as to assure good progress.

Applications for joint degree are processed through the Dean of Students of the Social Sciences office, and the Dean of Students grants final approval. Although students will receive credit for seminars used to complete their first-year MA degree requirements in another department, they will not be eligible for an MA degree in History.

Application Procedures
The application of a currently enrolled student should include:
1. A statement of his/her reasons for seeking a joint degree
2. Three letters of recommendation, two of which are from faculty in the History Department, including a supporting letter from the History faculty member who will direct the program
3. A current transcript
4. The seminar or MA paper completed in the joint department
5. Plan for completing the joint program, including timeline

The Graduate Affairs Administrator in History refers the petition the Graduate Student Affairs Committee (GSAC) for approval of the specific program of study. In cases where the chair of GSAC is also the supporting faculty member in History, another member of GSAC will act as chair for this decision.

Summary of History Requirements for a Joint Degree:
1. One two-quarter History seminar, and a satisfactory grade (i.e., B+ or better) on a seminar paper with two faculty readers.
2. A second seminar and paper; or a qualify paper from the joint department approved by the GSAC as a substitute for the second-year seminar and paper.
3. Historiography.
4. Five graded history courses other than the seminar and Historiography.
5. Five graded electives (courses required by joint department can be counted as History electives).
6. A high pass on a foreign language.
7. Any additional languages required by the student’s history field, or by the joint department.
8. A Ph.D. oral fields examination in History; one of three fields may be in joint department.
9. A Ph.D. proposal hearing in History before a dissertation committee representing History and joint department faculty as approved by the GSAC.
10. Any additional courses, examinations, or other requirements as stipulated by the joint department. Applicants will be required to submit information on such requirements to the GSAC.
11. A single Ph.D. final oral defense.

Total Required Courses=13; including two-quarter seminar, Historiography, 5 other history courses, 5 electives

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