

JOINT Ph.D. DEGREE GUIDELINES

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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 suitable to the student's program, but as early in their time at the University as possible so as to assure good progress.

Applications for the joint degree are processed through the Dean of Students of the Social Sciences office, and the Dean of Students grants final approval. The joint degree application is separate from the MA degree application.

Students who receive an MA degree from their home department may be ineligible for an MA in History.

Application Procedures

The application of the currently enrolled student should include:

1. A statement of the student's 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 MA paper or equivalent completed in the home department
5. Plan for completing the joint program, including timeline

Students apply through the Social Sciences Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students forwards the application the Department of History. 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. The two-quarter History seminar, and a satisfactory grade (i.e., B+ or better) on the resulting research paper.
2. A research paper or a qualifying paper from the home department approved by GSAC as a substitute for the second-year research paper.
3. 10 additional graded courses. At least three must be history graduate colloquia. Up to three may be HIST 90600 orals prep taken pass/fail. The student's course plan must be endorsed by the adviser in history and approved by GSAC.
4. A high pass on a foreign language for the primary field of research and any additional languages required by the student's history field or the home department. Students may pass examinations in either department.
5. A Ph.D. oral fields examination in History; one of three fields may be in joint department.
6. A Ph.D. proposal hearing in History before a dissertation committee representing History and joint department faculty as approved by GSAC.
7. Any additional courses, examinations, or other requirements as stipulated by the joint department. Students will be required to submit information on such requirements to GSAC.
8. A single Ph.D. final oral defense.

Total Required Courses=12; including two-quarter seminar, 3 history graduate colloquia, up to 3 HIST 90600.
