

HISTORY (M.A.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
HIST 501	Historical Methods	3
HIST 502	Historiography	3
HIUS 530	American Christian Heritage	3
Total Hours		9

Code	Title	Hours
History Elective Courses ^{1,2}		
Choose 18 credit hours of graduate history electives from the following: HIST, HIEU, HIUS, & HIWD		
Total Hours		18

¹ Students who have obtained a J.D. or are pursuing the dual degree J.D./MA History program may satisfy a History Elective (3 hours) with LAW 581 Jurisprudence (3 c.h.) or LAW 585 Legal History (3 c.h.) (or approved LAW substitutes) and apply up to 9 hours of LAW credit to the electives

² Students who wish to write a thesis must take HIST 601 Advanced Historical Research (3 c.h.), HIST 689 Thesis Proposal and Research (3 c.h.)³, and HIST 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.).

³ Any student who is not ready for enrollment in HIST 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.) after completing HIST 689 Thesis Proposal and Research (3 c.h.) may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat HIST 689 Thesis Proposal and Research (3 c.h.) until deemed ready for enrollment in HIST 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.). Although HIST 689 Thesis Proposal and Research (3 c.h.) may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will count towards the degree requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses ^{1,2,3}		
Choose nine credit hours of graduate electives		
Total Hours		9

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³ Students may choose nine graduate hours in history or in other disciplines.

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All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- Grades of C are not permitted in the Core area (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident & Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
HIST 501	Historical Methods	3
History Elective ¹		3
History Elective ¹		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
HIST 502	Historiography	3
HIUS 530	American Christian Heritage	3
Elective ^{2,3,4}		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
First Semester		
History Elective ¹		3
History Elective ¹		3
Elective ^{2,3,4}		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
History Elective ¹		3
History Elective ^{1,3}		3
Elective ^{2,3,4}		3
Hours		9
Total Hours		36

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⁴ Students who wish to write a thesis must take HIST 601, HIST 689⁵, and 690.

⁵ Any student who is not ready for enrollment in HIST 690 after completing HIST 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat HIST 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in HIST 690. Although HIST 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will count towards the degree requirements.