DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN HISTORY (PH.D.)

Purpose
The purpose of the Doctor of Philosophy in History program is to produce quality graduates, who pursue careers in professional settings, public history venues, and in academic institutions.

Program Learning Outcomes
The student will be able to:
1. Apply a Christian worldview to the study of history.
2. Apply doctoral level research methodology.
3. Analyze historiographic positions at the doctoral level.
4. Apply historical methodology to professional settings.

Program Specific Admissions Requirements
In addition to the general admission requirements, admission to candidacy in the Ph.D. in History program requires:

1. Earned Master’s degree in History or a related field in the humanities (Public/Applied History, Political Science, Philosophy, Government, International Relations, Geography, English, Theology, etc.) from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.)
2. A graduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL (if applicable)

Students who do not meet the minimum good-standing GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Students who have less than a graduate 2.80 GPA will not be admitted to the program.

Transfer Credit
Students may transfer up to 24 credit hours from an accredited institution subject to department approval. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within seven (7) years of the start date of the program. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Graduation Requirements
In addition to other regulations governing graduation, as stated in the Liberty University Catalog, Ph.D. in History students must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete 72 total hours.
2. A minimum of 48 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty University.
3. A maximum of 24 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree. Students will be permitted to apply up to 24 hours of 500/600-level credit, as applicable to the DCP.
4. Maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain in the program.
5. No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree.
6. Degree must be completed within seven (7) years.
7. For information regarding the repeat policy, please refer to “Course Repeat Policy” in the Academic Information and Policies section of this Catalog.
8. Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student’s anticipated graduation date.

Programs of Study
Delivery Format: Online Only

Career Opportunities
- Academic Publisher
- Archaeologist
- Author
- Federal Government Employee
- Higher Education Administrator
- Historian
- International Development Specialist
- Museum Curator
- Professional Researcher
- Professor

Courses
HIST 501 Historical Methods 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course covers methods, writing, citation, and tools for graduate level historical research.
Offered: Resident and Online

HIST 550 Reading Seminar in American History 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course will introduce students to major fields and historiographical interpretations in American history.
Offered: Resident

HIST 602 Historiography 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course covers the historiographical and theoretical approaches to the discipline of history. Particular emphasis is given to the history of historical writing, classic works of historiography, and Christian worldview.
Offered: Resident and Online

HIST 701 Historical Professions 3 Credit Hour(s)
An overview of the discipline of history, patterns of historical research, history instruction, historical organizations and careers in history.
Offered: Online

HIST 705 Public History 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is a graduate level introduction to the different types of public history. The course also focuses on the role and theories of public history and the challenges public historians face in today’s world.
Offered: Online

HIST 711 Development of Western Freedoms 3 Credit Hour(s)
A detailed examination of the philosophical, political, religious, and cultural origins of the Anglo-American constitutional tradition and its role in the economic development of the United States.
Registration Restrictions: Enrollment in the Ph.D. in History
Offered: Online
HIST 799  Internship  3 Credit Hour(s)
This course provides an opportunity for students to attain real world experience working on tasks specific to their discipline.
Registration Restrictions: 9 hours of graduate study, 3.5 or higher GPA, and approval of graduate program director
Offered: Online

HIST 820  Teaching History Online  3 Credit Hour(s)
Doctoral analysis and pedagogy of using primary sources, historical scholarship, and digital resources in classroom and other educational settings. Emphasis is placed on online teaching.
Registration Restrictions: Enrollment in the Ph.D. in History
Offered: Online

HIST 901  Doctoral Historical Research  3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: HUIS 530 and HIST 720
Instruction on methodological and interpretive approaches appropriate for doctoral research in the discipline of History.
Offered: Online

HIST 987  Dissertation Research I  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: HIST 911 and HIST 912 and HIST 913 and HIST 914
This course focuses on structure and design of Ph.D. dissertation research that includes chairperson review and scholarly discourse leading to proposal development and a draft of chapter one. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in HIST 988 after completing HIST 987 may be required, as determined by the student’s dissertation chair, to repeat HIST 987 until deemed ready for enrollment in HIST 988.
Offered: Online

HIST 988  Dissertation Research II  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: HIST 987
This course focuses on structure and research of the Ph.D. dissertation that includes chairperson review and scholarly discourse. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in HIST 989 after completing HIST 988 may be required, as determined by the student’s dissertation chair, to repeat HIST 988 until deemed ready for enrollment in HIST 989.
Offered: Online

HIST 989  Dissertation Research III  5 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: HIST 988
This course focuses on structure and completion of the Ph.D. dissertation that includes chairperson review and scholarly discourse. Students who do not successfully defend their dissertation must re-enroll in HIST 989.
Offered: Online

HIST 990  Dissertation Defense  0 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: HIST 989
This course will allow a student to defend his/her dissertation.
Offered: Online