Requirements for Degree Completion (30-33 units)

A minimum of 30 or 33 semester units are required, depending on whether the program is completed by comprehensive examinations or a Thesis. At least 24 units must be in 5000-level courses.

Required Courses (6 units)

HIST 5000 (Introduction to Graduate Study in History) and HIST 5940 (Seminar in Historical Research and Writing) are required of all students, and are included in the 24 units of required 5000-level history coursework.

Elective Sequence (21 units)

Students choose seven courses in their area of interest.

-- at least five of the courses must be 5000 level courses. Up to two courses may be 4000 level courses.

-- No more than five courses in the elective sequence may be from any one of three geographical regions under which the graduate thematic courses are organized: United States, Latin America, and World (all other regions). Certain courses centered in the US or Latin America with "world" designations may be classified a world courses.

-- Up to two courses outside the history department may be substituted with advisor approval.

Culminating Course Work (3-6 units)

Students may complete the program either by passing comprehensive examinations or by writing a thesis with the approval of the department Graduate Studies Committee.

1. Comprehensive Examination Sequence Option (3 units)

All students pursuing the comprehensive exam option must complete a one-unit Capstone Preparation Courses (HIST 5910) for each of the three professors who will serve on their comprehensive exam committee. Students must meet with these professors prior to enrolling in HIST 5910 units.

In addition, students complete a zero-unit HIST Comprehensive Exam (HIST 5960) during or after their last term of coursework. Students may not register for the comprehensive examination prior to the last term in which they're completing coursework

2. Thesis Option (6 units)

Students must complete 18 units before formally beginning the Thesis Option. Students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA in these 18 units, 12 of which must be 5000-level seminars.

Thesis students will register for 6 units of HIST 5990, for a program total of 33 units.

For further guidelines on thesis preparation, consult the History Department's grad bulletin and the University's Office of Graduate Studies Website Here.