Cal State LA History Department – Master of Arts in History

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be submitted through **Cal State Apply** at www.calstate.edu/apply

	Application Period Opens	International Application Deadline *	**Domestic Application Deadline**
For Spring 2027 Admission	August 1, 2026	August 31, 2026	**October 31, 2026**
For Fall 2027 Admission	October 1, 2026	February 15, 2027	**April 15, 2027**

** The international deadline applies to students who will require a F1 visa or I-20 to study in the United States.*

For instructions on the **Cal State Apply** website, please refer to the CSU Graduate Application Guide at: https://www.calstate.edu/apply/graduate/Documents/cal-state-apply-graduate-application-guide.pdf

There are four parts to an application, each of which must be fully completed. This will require navigating multiple pages and tabs.

- Personal Information
- Supporting Informatio
- Academic History
- Program Materials

As part of the **Program Materials** portion, you will need to upload a **Statement of Purpose** (500-750 words) and **Unofficial Transcripts** from your prior colleges. You will also need to enter the contact information of two **Recommenders**. These are the persons from whom you would like to request letters of recommendation. Where possible, at least one of these letters should come from a professor or individual capable of evaluating your qualifications for graduate study. For returning students with a long gap since their undergraduate years, it is acceptable if neither letter comes from a professor.

Please see our MA Program Handbook for more advice on crafting your application.

Additional Admission Requirements

In addition to University Requirements for Admission to graduate study, applicants should have a grade point average of 3.00 or better in the last 60 semester units (90 quarter units) of their undergraduate program to be considered for departmental admission. Applicants with GPAs between 2.75 and 3.00 may be admitted at the discretion of the department's graduate admissions committee after completing prerequisite or qualifying courses, if necessary, with a minimum 3.00 GPA.

The department welcomes applicants from all undergraduate majors. If you are a qualified applicant without much history-related undergraduate coursework, you may be asked to enroll in a few upper-level undergraduate history courses. These courses will prepare you to succeed when you transition to full membership in our graduate program.