

HISTORY

Undergraduate Program Information

An undergraduate degree in history prepares students for careers in: teaching; law; public service; management; journalism; education; communications; travel counseling; and library, museum and archival staff work. Students master skills including the ability to read critically, to formulate arguments, to conduct historical research, and to synthesize arguments and create novel interpretations.

Graduate Program Information

The Department of History offers graduate work leading to the Master of Arts degree. In addition to fulfilling the basic requirements for admission to the Graduate School, applicants must present undergraduate passage of at least 12 credits in history with grades of B or higher, including 6 upper division history credits. Those lacking this preparation must normally make up deficiencies before beginning graduate course work. Candidates who choose a course of study requiring a foreign language will be responsible for their own language preparation.

Students applying for admission to the graduate program in history are required to submit an application form and a transcript to the Graduate School and a strong writing sample, three letters of recommendation ideally from History faculty members at NMSU or other institutions, and a two-to-three page statement of purpose to the Department of History, approximately four months in advance of the desired enrollment date. Applicants for graduate assistantships and fellowships must submit a letter of application, a transcript, and three letters of recommendation to the department by February 15 for the fall semester, and by October 15 for the spring semester. Students who are not applying for graduate assistantships and fellowships may apply at any time for acceptance into the graduate program.