History, Ph.D.

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Learn more about the Doctor of Philosophy in History.

About the Program

Temple University offers a varied and flexible program for graduate training in History on the Ph.D. level in the Philadelphia area, which is rich in historical archives and museums. While general requirements ensure that every graduate is familiar with the basic issues of History and the latest approaches of professional historians, the program focuses on two thematic areas: Environments, Cities, and Cultures; and War, Empire, and Society. The thrust of the Ph.D. program is to prepare professional historians who are equipped to function in academia, public history, government service, or other related careers.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 7 years

Campus Location: Main, Center City

Students take many of their courses at the Center City Campus, while preliminary examinations and dissertation defenses are conducted on Main Campus.

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: Students are required to complete the Ph.D. program on a full-time basis.

Interdisciplinary Study: The program encourages interdisciplinary coursework, research, and interactions among faculty and students.

Affiliation(s): The History program at Temple is affiliated with the Biographical Dictionary of Pennsylvania Legislators, the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy, The Myer and Rosaline Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, the Social Science Data Library, and Temple's Urban Archives.

Areas of Specialization: Faculty members specialize and offer substantial coursework in anti-colonial movements, cultural history, diplomatic history, gender, imperialism, international history, military history, political history, race and ethnicity, religious history, sexuality, and social history. Thus, two thematic areas constitute the focus of the Ph.D. program:

• Environments, Cities, and Cultures
• War, Empire, and Society

Although training is offered in many different historical eras at Temple, most doctoral students write dissertations that focus on the eighteenth, nineteenth, or twentieth century. Most, but certainly not all, of the History Department's doctoral students focus on the history of North America.

Job Prospects: The program is primarily dedicated to producing well-trained historians who work in academia and public history.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Non-matriculated students are permitted to take up to 9 credits of coursework. These courses can be transferred into the degree program after their admission only if they earn a grade of "B" or higher.

Financing Opportunities:

Teaching Assistantships:
Teaching Assistants are required to teach or assist in teaching at Temple. Their duties include 20 hours of service per week. Teaching Assistants receive tuition waivers for all courses taken during the Fall and Spring terms (up to 9 credits) that contribute to the student's program, plus a stipend and health insurance benefits. All Teaching Assistants are doctoral students.

Teaching Assistantships can be renewed for up to four years. Decisions regarding Teaching Assistantships are made annually in the Spring term. New applicants for the Ph.D. program are automatically considered. Advanced Ph.D. students who are not currently Teaching Assistants and who wish to be considered should send an application to the Chair of the History Department by January 31.

Fellowships:
Presidential and University Fellowships provide support for four years. The Graduate School funds Years 1 and 4; the College of Liberal Arts funds Years 2 and 3. In addition to free tuition and health coverage, these fellowships carry a stipend. While on fellowship, the student must take a minimum of 9 credits each term during the academic year. Students are nominated for a fellowship by the department upon admission to the program.

Fellowships from the Center for the Humanities at Temple (CHAT):
CHAT Senior Doctoral Fellowships provide support to advanced doctoral students pursuing research in the humanities or humanistic social sciences in any school or college at Temple. Fellows receive funding for full-time work on their dissertation. This includes a stipend, tuition, benefits, and $500 in research funding for the term. Fellows receive office space at the Center and participate in the bi-weekly Fellows Seminar.
CHAT Graduate Teaching Fellowships provide support for research and offer the opportunity to teach innovative and interdisciplinary humanities courses. CHAT Graduate Teaching Fellowships are configured as 75% directed research or creative activity in the applicant's area of interest and 25% teaching for a course of wide humanistic concern related to that interest, as it is tied to the focus of particular departments or programs.

Our students are highly competitive for CHAT fellowships.

Dissertation Completion Grant:
Students may apply for a dissertation completion grant in their last term before graduation. Applications are due in the History Graduate Office on the second Friday in March and the second Friday in October, which is one week prior to the Graduate School deadline. The Director of Graduate Studies or the Department Chair submits a letter of nomination on behalf of each applicant. Departmental nomination does not, however, guarantee the nominee receipt of the dissertation completion grant. Note that receipt of this grant disqualifies a student from receiving further financial support from Temple University.

Appointment as Part-Time Instructor:
Ph.D. candidates are eligible for appointment as part-time instructors. The Department Chair, after consulting with the Director of Graduate Studies, is responsible for these appointments. S/he considers whether the candidate has assisted in the course and, if so, consult the faculty whom s/he has assisted. Priority is given to qualified students who have not had the opportunity previously to teach independently.

Awards and Grants:
The History Department and the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy provide several awards and grants annually. For more information on these, see https://www.cla.temple.edu/history/student-life/.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: December 15

Applications are evaluated together after the deadline date.

APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.

Letters of Reference:
Number Required: 3

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained from instructors or other individuals who are familiar with the applicant's academic work.

Coursework Required for Admission Consideration: Applicants are expected to have majored or minored in History at the undergraduate level or to have received an M.A. in History. Those who lack either of these qualifications are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Master's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A master's degree is not required.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: All applicants must present credentials that are the equivalent of the appropriate baccalaureate degree at Temple University.

Statement of Goals: Approximately 500 to 750 words include a clear statement of your interest in the doctoral program in History at Temple University and how Temple's program meets your needs; your major historical interests; your career goals; and your academic and research achievements, if applicable.

Standardized Test Scores:
GRE: Required. Combined scores on the verbal and quantitative sections should exceed 303.

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

• TOEFL iBT: 79
• IELTS Academic: 6.5
• PTE Academic: 53

Writing Sample: The writing sample should demonstrate the applicant's ability to conduct research and write a scholarly paper. It should be fully referenced according to a professional, scholarly style manual and should not exceed 30 pages in length.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:
Number of Credits Required Beyond the Master's: 24
Number of Credits Required Beyond the Baccalaureate: 39

Required Courses:
Doctoral students must take at least 11 courses in the History Department, and may elect to take courses outside the department with the permission of the Director of Graduate Studies. A minimum of 10 courses must be completed before the general examination can be taken. Students should consult with their advisor for specific field requirements for the following required courses:

- One methodology seminar [HIST 8714 Historical Methods (3 s.h.)], taken in the first year of study in the first academic term.
- Two 9000-level research/writing seminars (currently HIST 9208 Research Seminar repeated for a total of 6 credits) in which a substantial piece of original research is produced; one course must be taken in the first year, preferably in the second term.
- Eight 5000- and 8000-level reading and literature review courses (24 credits), with the course offerings coordinated by the Director of Graduate Studies; four of the courses are recommended to be taken in the student's area of interest.
- 6 credits of HIST 9994 Preliminary Examination Preparation, HIST 9998 Pre-Dissertation Research, and HIST 9999 Dissertation Research.

Language Examination: All students must show competence in at least one foreign language. To demonstrate competence, a student must pass a short translation exam administered, in most cases, by the University’s language departments. The dissertation advisor determines whether competence in a second language is required. The language requirement must be satisfied prior to taking the general examination. For doctoral students in American History, the language requirement may be waived at the discretion of the advisor and with the approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

Culminating Events:

Preliminary Examination:
All doctoral students take a preliminary exam in the September of their third term of study. The preliminary exam is a take-home exam consisting of one synthetic question covering one of two areas: either Environments, Cities, and Cultures (Track I) or War, Empire, and Society (Track II), each with its respective list of 50 books for students to study. Students choose one area/track and, at the exam, choose one of two questions in that area. They have one week to write an essay of no more than 6,000 words. In the preceding Spring term, the exam committee is responsible for conducting a workshop with first-year doctoral students in which the expectations of the preliminary exam are discussed.

The exam date is set, and the exam itself is graded by a pair of Graduate Faculty in each area who have been appointed by the Director of Graduate Studies. The exam is graded blindly by the exam committee. Doctoral students who twice fail the preliminary exam are dismissed from the program.

General Examination:
Doctoral students who pass the preliminary exam proceed to the general exam, which consists of two fields:

- One geographically distinct field, made up of 75-80 books that examine the historiography of a recognized, larger geographic and chronological field, e.g., 20th-century U.S. History; Atlantic World, Latin American, or Caribbean History; or Southeast Asian History. As part of this section, students turn in a sample syllabus for an introductory course in the geographic field. Students designate a Graduate Faculty member to examine them in that field and collaborate with the faculty member in drawing up the reading list.
- One Ph.D. field, made up of 50 books and key articles that explore a more focused and topical dissertation area that should be transnational in focus, such as Labor History, Diplomatic History, or Queer Studies, and may concentrate on a specific time and place. The examiner is the dissertation advisor, who draws up the reading list in collaboration with the student.

Doctoral students typically complete the general exam in their fifth term. This oral exam is two hours long. Students are asked to discuss issues pertinent to their prepared fields of study. Three or more members of the Graduate Faculty, chosen by the student, are present at the oral exam, including one representative from the General Field preliminary exam. At least one committee member should represent each field, including General Field, Geographic Field, and Ph.D. Field. To pass the exam, all members of the committee must approve of the student’s performance. Students may retake the oral exam if they fail. After failing twice, students are dismissed from the program.

University-wide regulations governing examinations when a Ph.D. student first matriculated apply throughout her/his career until the degree is received. If departmental or college regulations change, the student similarly follows the rules in place at the time of her/his matriculation unless s/he obtains approval of the advisory committee and written permission from the Graduate Council to follow more recent requirements.

Students preparing to take their general examination should confirm times and dates with their General Examination Committee Chair, other committee members, and the Graduate Secretary. All parties involved receive confirmation of the times, dates, and rooms for the examination.

Dissertation Committee:
After passing the general exam and in consultation with the primary advisor, students select the members of their Doctoral Advisory Committee. The Doctoral Advisory Committee is formed to oversee the student’s doctoral research and is comprised of at least three Graduate Faculty members, two of whom are from the History Department. The student's primary advisor functions as the chair of this committee and is responsible for overseeing and guiding the student's progress, coordinating the responses of committee members, and informing the student of her/his academic progress.

Further, either during the process of writing the dissertation prospectus, or at some time following its approval, students, again in consultation with their primary advisor, select a qualified external reader of the dissertation. The external reader may either be on the faculty of a Temple University department other than History or a member of the faculty of a college/university other than Temple. Once s/he has agreed to serve in the capacity (and received approval from the Graduate School), s/he will be added to the Dissertation Examining Committee. The total membership of the Dissertation Examining
Committee may exceed four faculty (the minimum being the three Graduate Faculty members who approved the prospectus plus the external reader). A majority of the committee's members, however, must be Temple University History Department Graduate Faculty.

Prospectus:
All doctoral candidates must prepare a dissertation prospectus in close consultation with the advisor prior to advancing to Ph.D. candidacy. This document, usually 15 to 20 pages in length, must achieve the following goals:

1. Identify the major research question of the dissertation.
2. Situate the dissertation in the existing scholarly literature.
3. Lay out a coherent research strategy that identifies the archives and sources that will be used.
4. Include a timeline for research and writing of the dissertation.

The prospectus defense is a public event, open to History Department faculty and doctoral students. At this event, the doctoral candidate makes a brief presentation lasting approximately 10 to 20 minutes, outlining the contents of the prospectus. A copy of the dissertation prospectus is made available at least one week before the defense for examination by the faculty. During the defense, faculty and students engage the candidate in vigorous conversation about the proposed project.

The prospectus must be defended before the end of the sixth term. Failure to defend the prospectus by the end of the sixth term is grounds for dismissal from the doctoral program. At the end of the defense, the candidate's Doctoral Advisory Committee meets privately to vote on advancing the student to Ph.D. candidacy.

Dissertation:
Dissertations must be written and defended within seven years of matriculation. Students who have made satisfactory progress toward completing their dissertation can apply for an extension of up to three additional years. Therefore, the maximum total time permitted for completing the Ph.D. program is ten years. Students in the Ph.D. program must register each term until all requirements for the degree have been fulfilled unless they receive a leave of absence.

All dissertations must be prepared in accordance with the guidelines of the Dissertation and Thesis Handbook, found at https://grad.temple.edu/resources/dissertation-thesis-handbook. Students should arrange a procedure for submitting draft chapters for review to their primary advisor and other members of the Doctoral Advisory Committee.

When the chair and a majority of the Dissertation Examining Committee agree that the written dissertation is of sufficient quality to be defended, the student should arrange with the Committee a time for the oral defense to be held. The student should then notify the Graduate Secretary of the proposed defense date. The oral defense must be publicly announced in writing at least ten days in advance of the date of the defense and must be open to the public. A copy of the dissertation is made available to the department at least one week before the defense for examination by the faculty.

An Oral Defense Chair must be identified. This person must be a Temple University presidential faculty member and may not be the chair of the student's Dissertation Examining Committee.

In the event that a member of the Dissertation Examining Committee cannot attend the defense, teleconferencing or videoconferencing is arranged. This arrangement must be approved by the Graduate School prior to the defense. No more than one member of the Dissertation Examining Committee can be physically absent from the defense.

The dissertation defense is a public event, open to History Department faculty and doctoral students. At this event, the doctoral candidate makes a brief presentation, outlining the main argument of the dissertation. During the defense, faculty and students engage the candidate in a vigorous conversation about the project. At the end of the defense, the Dissertation Examining Committee meets privately to vote on the candidate's performance. The candidate is notified immediately of the decision.

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Courses

HIST 5010. Special Topics in History. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
Variable content course. Consult department for details.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5151. Nonprofit Management for Historians. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an introduction to the non-profit based management, leadership and administration issues and practices for historical and cultural heritage organizations. The goal of this course is to provide students who will be entering the public history field with the background knowledge and tools to be effective managers and leaders in their institutions. Students are introduced to the complexity of issues in historical management and administration as reflexive practitioners and engage a wide variety of case studies, issues analysis, and real-life examples from local historical institutions.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 5152. Digital History. 3 Credit Hours.
The definition of digital history is amorphous, broad, and often debated. Digital history projects may refer to everything from an online exhibition to a podcast to mapping and geographic information systems. This class will explore digital history in terms of the questions of narrative, shared authority, access, and historical analysis that arise when using digital tools for working with history. We will discuss the major issues involved in digital history initiatives and gain familiarity with various technologies often used in such projects.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 5187. Public History Practicum. 3 Credit Hours.
The public history practicum allows students to intern in historical organizations while learning from one another in periodic classroom meetings. Internships balance student interests with the needs of partnering institutions. Each student must complete 140 hours of work under the supervision of an experienced public history professional in addition to writing assignments devised and evaluated by a faculty internship supervisor. Students must contact the director of the Center for Public History about their intent to enroll by no later than the midpoint of the semester preceding the practicum.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 5231. Gender and Sexuality in Asia. 3 Credit Hours.
The course focuses on gender and sexuality in the modern history of Asia.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 5280. Special Topics: American. 3 Credit Hours.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
HIST 5400. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5480. Special Topics: European. 3 Credit Hours.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5500. Studies in Asian History. 3 Credit Hours.
Readings and discussions on selected topics in modern Asian history.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5540. Special Topics in Latin American History. 3 Credit Hours.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5670. Special Topics in African History. 3 Credit Hours.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5680. Special Topics in Asian History. 3 Credit Hours.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5800. Comparative Women's History. 3 Credit Hours.
Exploration of two to three selected topics in women's history in comparative, global perspective. Topics may include: 1) gender, race, and state; 2) women, religion, and social change; 3) women in industrializing societies; 4) domestic contestations; 5) histories and theories. See current semester description.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 5880. Special Topics in World or Comparative History. 3 Credit Hours.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 8001. Environments, Cities, and Cultures. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces graduate students to one of the two specialties in the History Department, which comprises environmental, urban, and cultural history. It is highly recommended for first-year PhD students who will take the preliminary exam in this specialty in their third semester. In it, students will read several books that will be later tested in the preliminary exam, in addition to learning about some of the more consequential and innovative works in the historical profession. The readings will be global and comparative in nature, and thus relevant to students specializing in US and non-US history alike.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8002. War, Empire, and Society. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces graduate students to one of the two specialties in the History Department, which comprises military, imperial, and social history. It is highly recommended for first-year PhD students who will take the preliminary exam in this specialty in their third semester. In it, students will read several books that will be later tested in the preliminary exam, in addition to learning about some of the more consequential and innovative works in the historical profession. The readings will be global and comparative in nature, and thus relevant to students specializing in US and non-US history alike.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8009. Women and Gender in the American South. 3 Credit Hours.
This seminar surveys the field of Southern gender history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (to WWII). The field itself is a new one - a course such as this would have been difficult to put together a generation ago - but Southern women's and gender history already has its "classic" works, dominant interpretations, and heated controversies.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8101. Introduction to American History I (to 1865). 3 Credit Hours.
This is the first segment of the Introduction to American History readings seminar required of all M.A. and Ph.D. students in U.S. History. Doctoral students are required to take both courses in this sequence. M.A. students must take one of the two segments. This segment covers the colonial era through the Civil War.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 8102. Cultural History. 3 Credit Hours.
Investigates ways that historians and other scholars have interpreted modern popular culture, 1800 to the present. American media, sports, entertainment, fashion, art, as well as American myths, ideas, and popular thought are some of the topics that will be explored.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8103. Studies in American Diplomatic History. 3 Credit Hours.
Readings in and discussion of the principal schools of interpretation and conceptual frameworks in the history of U.S. foreign relations as a means to introduce students to the subfield. A complement to Studies in the Cold War (HIST 8209), the chronological parameters extend from the Revolutionary era through the conclusion of World War II. In addition to completing weekly reading and writing assignments, and as a final assignment a comparative review essay, students will participate actively in class conversations about history and historians.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8104. Studies in African American History. 3 Credit Hours.
The emphasis is on the period since the Civil War. Possible topics include Reconstruction and rise of segregation; urbanization of the black population; history of black women in U.S.; Civil Rights revolution.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8105. History of Education. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses primarily on the way that educationally institutions, broadly construed, have shaped American culture and society. Special attention is paid to recent historiographic debates concerning education and its social effects.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8106. Modern American Social History. 3 Credit Hours.
The theme of the course in recent years is Race, Ethnicity, and Poverty in the U.S., 1870-1940. The main subject is the impact of industrialization and urbanization on the working class, the poor, and minority groups during the period when the U.S. emerged as an industrial power. Attention is also given to the response to poverty, both by private charities and the state.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8107. Religion in Modern United States. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores the history of religion in the United States between 1877 and the present. In the past decade a cadre of creative scholars has focused their attention on American religious history. They have transformed the field: it is far more capacious, lively, and sophisticated than it was ten years ago. This course provides students with an introduction to the field. It also offers them a chance to focus their attention on a set of questions related to historians' determination to take religion seriously. What does it mean to do take religion seriously? What is the opposite of taking religion seriously supposed to be? In what ways, if any, has the determination to take religion seriously hampered the development of the field?

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8109. Studies in 20th Century American Political History. 3 Credit Hours.
A graduate studies course devoted to the critical evaluation of the historiography of U.S. political history since the election of 1928. Students read and evaluate selected writings on such topics as the politics of the Great Depression, the New Deal Revolution, Domestic Politics During World War II, the Politics of Fear and Loyalty, the Fair Deal, Eisenhower, Kennedy, the Politics of Civil Rights, the Politics of Dissent, LBJ and the Great Society, the "New Politics" (1968), the Republican Majority since Nixon, Interest-Group Politics, and the Paradigms of American Politics.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8111. Introduction to American History II (since 1865). 3 Credit Hours.
This is the second segment of the Introduction to American History readings seminar required of all M.A. and Ph.D. students in U.S. History. Doctoral students are required to take both courses in this sequence. M.A. students must take one of the two segments. This segment covers the Civil War to the present.

Field of Study Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Fields of study: History.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Liberal Arts.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8112. Introduction to American History III. 3 Credit Hours.
This is the third segment of the Introduction to American History readings seminar required of all M.A. and Ph.D. students in US History. Ph.D. students are required to take two out of the three courses in this sequence. M.A. students must take any one of the three segments. This segment will cover what is now conventionally referred to as Modern US History -- the years following World War I to the present.

Field of Study Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Fields of study: History.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Liberal Arts.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8121. Stalinism: Power, Society, and Culture. 3 Credit Hours.
The seminar will deal with "classical" books written by witnesses and contemporaries of Stalinism, the stalwarts of "totalitarian school" and its first revisionists. The seminar will focus on the major developments and events that determined and shaped Stalinism as a historical period. The discussion will also deal with major aspects of the phenomenon: politics, social transformation, formation of new elites, mass mentality, propaganda, language, culture, and art. The course will end with an overview of de-Stalinization; it will address the reasons for the staying influence of Stalinist experience and the attempts in the Soviet/Russian society to reject and supersede it.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8151. Studies in American Material Culture. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to literature from several fields that use artifacts to understand culture. Exploration of various theoretical approaches. Topics include architecture, folk art, photography, decorative arts, landscape design, historic preservation, and the use of interior space.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8152. Managing History. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores the practical considerations and theoretical issues concerning the management/ownership of the interpretation, preservation, and presentation of history for public consumption. Emphasis is placed on public management policies and methods of private ownership of critical historical issues, including, but not limited to, museum exhibits, historical preservation policies and practices, governance of historical societies and museums, publication practices, historical documentaries (aural and visual), and other elements related to the dissemination of historical interpretations, common historical knowledge, and public memory. This course asks: Who manages American history and American memory? Who Owns History? Who is empowered to tell the story and how did they gain that power? What role does the historian play in the formulation and preservation of public memory?

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8153. Archives and Manuscripts. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to the theoretical and applied aspects of historical records management. Taught in cooperation with local archives and historical societies.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8201. History of Philadelphia. 3 Credit Hours.
Students who enroll in this class will be given an opportunity to analyze the cultural, economic, political, and social history of Philadelphia. Special attention will be paid to immigration, ethnicity, and race.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8202. American Colonial History. 3 Credit Hours.
A survey of how American society developed before the Revolution: the evolution of American politics and political institutions; the changing imperial system; internal and external conflicts; how the economies and lifestyles of the various colonial regions developed; the role of women; free and forced migration; the foundations of modern American life in the experience, thought, and values of colonists before 1775.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8203. Age of the American Revolution. 3 Credit Hours.
This is a readings course on the causes, nature, and consequences of the American Revolution. The Revolution has a long, venerable -- and contentious -- historiography; the course examines classic and recent debates, probes different research and narrative strategies, and seeks to understand the possibilities and limits of: 1) understanding the late eighteenth century in light of the Revolution; (2) old and new international and comparative approaches; (3) the tendency to understand colonial and subsequent US history in light of the Revolution; (4) recent trends to highlight and integrate previously neglected topics, including slavery, African Americans, Native Americans; and (5) resurgent interest in “founders” and the Constitution.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8204. Early United States Social History. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to American social history from 1800 until the Civil War. Recent research on the structure of American society, the American family, immigration, the worker, urban developments, and the reform movements of the Jacksonian era.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8205. Civil War and Reconstruction. 3 Credit Hours.
This course focuses on the ordinary citizen rather than the rich and powerful. Much attention will be paid to issues of race, class, and gender.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8206. Studies in Recent American Urban History. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is broadly interdisciplinary, concerned with major developments in America's large cities from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Basic issues include: the changing spatial structure of the city, social and geographical mobility, the nature of ethnicity and the Black experience, the development of crime and rioting, the structure of local politics, and the movements for urban reform.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8207. Recent United States History. 3 Credit Hours.
Presents a new approach to the history of the United States since World War II, focusing on social and economic change. Topics include: urbanization and suburbanization, rise of post-industrial economy, racial problems, shift of population and political power to the Sunbelt, and the impact of new technologies. Relates the political history of the era to these fundamental socio-economic changes.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8208. Studies in United States Urban Crime. 3 Credit Hours.
Examines the significant scholarship and issues involved in understanding the history of crime in American cities, with special emphasis upon the period since the Civil War. The course deals mostly with the organized underworld, including drugs, gambling, bootlegging, prostitution, professional theft, and other on-going criminal activities. By linking the underworld to the city structure, sports history, entertainment, and reform, the course will examine the interrelationship of American urban and social history with the changing underworld.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8209. United States Foreign Policy in the Cold War. 3 Credit Hours.
Few if any "moments" within America's historical experience have generated the intensely competitive and emotionally-charged debates as has the "moment" called the "Cold War." The purpose of this course is to identify the questions that have bedeviled historians of the Cold War, and by reading competing interpretations, evaluate the strategies by which they have been addressed. Sample topics: U.S.-Russian (Soviet) relations, the nuclear arms competition and arms control, regional rivalries, summitry, alliance politics, cultural instruments of influence, crisis management, intelligence agencies, and critical personalities. Students will read widely, write frequently, and speak extensively.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8211. Rise of the American Military Profession. 3 Credit Hours.
The overriding purpose of this course is to provide students with a theoretical framework for analyzing the evolution of modern military institutions and the people who lead them. Students will examine the development of the military profession in the United States from the War of Independence through the 1990s. Students will examine contemporary concepts of military professionalism by studying the careers of American officers in their historical context. This course will also address the major European influences that revolutionized standards of officer procurement, training, education, and advancement in the United States and around the world.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8212. North American Environmental History. 3 Credit Hours.
This seminar examines the interactions between human societies and the natural world in North America from the sixteenth century to the present. That relationship is complex: the environment both reflects people's influences and affects human history. Through reading and discussion, participants in this seminar will examine this reciprocal relationship. Topics to be discussed include Native American management of the environment; the effects of the European ecological invasion; resource exploitation in the industrial era; and the evolution of twentieth-century environmentalism.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8213. History of the North American West. 3 Credit Hours.
This seminar examines the history of the North American West from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-twentieth century. The course emphasizes the reciprocity of social and environmental history; cultural interactions in the multi-ethnic West; and the iconography and ideology of the "frontier."

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8214. Slavery and U.S. History. 3 Credit Hours.
This course provides an introduction to the scholarship on slavery as it has evolved within the U.S. field and at its borders in Atlantic and "New World" history. It pays particular attention to the development of key concepts and how different ways of understanding the place of slavery in colonial and American history reflected - and affected - changing interpretations of other aspects of the American past. This inquiry logically culminates in recent work that not only changes how we define the "institution" of slavery - or even whether it makes sense to call it an institution - but which also expands the range of subjects to which slavery can be said to be integrally related.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8215. Making of American Political Cultures. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an intensive study of the political history of the U.S. between 1760 and 1890, with special attention to the concept of political culture as it has shaped our understanding of those years. As much about method as it is about the origins of American politics, the course is intended to familiarize graduate students with debates in the fields of American political history and of the early United States.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8301. Introduction to European History. 3 Credit Hours.
Overview of the field, its shape, main lines of research, and central concerns. Through selected readings, discussion, and guest speakers, participants gain understanding of current practice including political, social, and cultural history, the treatment of Europe in global studies and in contemporary metahistory.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8302. Atlantic World 15th-18th Centuries. 3 Credit Hours.
Examines main aspects of social and economic change in which the Old World and the New interacted in the 17th and 18th centuries: colonization; commercial agriculture and trade; servitude, free labor, and slavery; migration; changing lifestyles and expectations; the development of family and community; religion, reform, and revolts.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8303. Studies in Russian History. 3 Credit Hours.
This course explores milestones in Russian/Soviet history and society during the 20th century. Basic knowledge of European and Russian history is assumed. Students will do intensive reading on the Russian Revolution Stalinism and the Second World War, and on peaceful devolution of communism. The main purpose of this class is to familiarize students with the fundamental issues of this history, provide exposure to diverse interpretations, and promote discussion of research strategies and (to an extent possible) their source base. Special assignments will be encouraged, i.e., individual research that will help enrich class discussions. Writing assignments and oral presentations are the main requirements.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8304. Soviet Cold War- DeStalination. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a sequel to the graduate course on Stalinism (History 8121). It studies two groups of literature: one on Soviet Cold War behavior and the collapse of the Soviet empire, and another on the post-Stalin history of the Soviet Union. The course emphasizes internal social-economic, cultural and intellectual developments inside the USSR as a crucial essential (and previously underestimated) factor in Soviet transformation and the peaceful end of the Cold War. This course aims at students who are interested in foreign relations, but also contemporary international history, globalization and social change.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

Pre-requisites:
HIST 8121|May not be taken concurrently.

HIST 8307. 20th Century Europe. 3 Credit Hours.
Discusses major events in 20th century Europe such as the origins of the First World War, the Bolshevik Revolution, the rise of fascism in Italy and Germany, World War II, and the subsequent collapse of European political dominance. Investigates the Cold War, the demise of communism in Eastern Europe, and the gradual economic and political establishment of the European Union. In addition to a standard historiographic study of these topics, the course includes developments in the "new cultural history" and the history of "representations" and "memory."

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8308. Imperialism. 3 Credit Hours.
To Lenin, imperialism was "the highest stage of capitalism," to Rudyard Kipling, "the white man's burden" and to Joseph Schumpeter, "the objectless disposition of a state to expansion by force without assigned limits." In this course, we both attempt to define imperialism and to understand the various ways in which historians and other scholars have approached the study of imperialism. Focusing primarily on the modern European empires, we examine imperialism from the perspective of economic, environmental, military, diplomatic and cultural history. We discuss Edward Said's extremely influential theory of orientalism and examine how contributions from historians of gender, scholars associated with the subaltern studies movement, and post-modern/post-colonial studies have influenced the field.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8400. Topics in 20th Century Germany. 3 Credit Hours.
Readings and discussions on selected topics in modern European history.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 8401. European Expansion. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines the growth and decline of the modern European empires from the eighteenth century through the present-day post-colonial world. We examine various theories of imperial expansion including economic, political, military and cultural and look at specific topics such as gender and imperialism, post-coloniality, subalternity and resistance, colonial nationalism, and interactions between metropole and empire. The texts we use range from some of the classic works on European imperialism to more recent texts in the fields of literary criticism, cultural studies and anthropology, as well as history.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8402. Jewish History. 3 Credit Hours.
Students who enroll in this class are given an opportunity to analyze the cultural, economic, political, religious, and social history of the Jewish people. Special attention is paid to gender and secular ways of being Jewish.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8403. History of European Military Policy. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduces the literature and problems of Europe's military history since 1789. Examines both the practical and theoretical contributions of the battlefield, the cabinet room, and the individual military leader as theorist. Social and economic factors are also considered.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8501. Introduction to the Third World. 3 Credit Hours.
An introduction to the historical issues and literature concerning broad thematic areas of Third World life such as imperialism, economic development, global economic organization, peasant life, urbanization, migration, nationalism, cultural and social change, the role of the state, and international relations.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8502. Vietnam War Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
This reading seminar explores the significant English- and French-language historical literature on the "Vietnam wars," considered in the large sense of the political and military struggles from 1945 to 1991 for control of the Indochina peninsula.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8505. Studies in Latin American History. 3 Credit Hours.
Examines Latin America in the age of the Cuban Revolution and beyond, covering the array of new historical literature that continues to emerge concerning the Revolution itself, the rise and fall of insurgencies and national security states in many parts of Latin America, and the more recent period of incomplete establishment of democracy and accountability.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8506. Studies in Spanish and Portuguese America. 3 Credit Hours.
From an empire-wide perspective, this course will analyze this encounter and its consequences and place both in historiographic context. The syllabus will proceed chronologically starting with the history of Spain and Portugal prior to the Conquest and continuing with the Conquest and reorganization of the American space. Rather than provide a detailed description of the historical episodes, however, the course will center around key processes affecting Iberian America, such as the rise of new societies and the transformation of indigenous cultures, the types of rule established by the Spanish and Portuguese, the economic relationship between the metropole and the new American kingdoms, slavery, race relations, the centralizing project of the eighteenth century, and the revolutions of the 1800s.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8610. Studies in Chinese History. 3 Credit Hours.
Surveys key issues and themes in modern Chinese history. Topics include: the ideology and politics of the China field; long-term patterns of change; peasant rebellions; imperialism; the nature of elite reform; the origins of the revolution; the Nationalists; militarism and state-building; rural revolution and communist success; the Maoist road to socialism.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 8701. Introduction to World History. 3 Credit Hours.
A review of the concept of World History and its historiography; an introduction to materials now available to the study of World History; and an introduction to key themes and conceptual frameworks in the study of World History.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.
HIST 8705. New Themes in the History of Slavery. 3 Credit Hours.
Comparative social history of Atlantic-world slavery and Red Sea-Indian Ocean-Persian Gulf world-slavery. Slavery in other domains, such as the Mediterranean and Black Sea regions, will also be discussed.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8706. Comparative Social and Economic History. 3 Credit Hours.
A comparative examination of peasant politics and rural social movements with particular focus on the questions of class/community, alternative nationalisms, and revolution. Suitable for students of various disciplines and world areas.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8707. History of Sexuality. 3 Credit Hours.
Studies recent work on sexuality and its relation to gender, race, class, and power. The course's emphasis is on modern U.S. and Europe because that is where the most theoretically interesting recent work has been done, but the course will also look at the ancient world and pre-modern Europe, and consider cross-cultural.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8711. History Writing and Editing. 3 Credit Hours.
Training in the style and the mechanics of writing and editing history. Writing for wide audiences and for profit as well as for professional audiences.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8712. Teaching History in College. 3 Credit Hours.
Required of all teaching assistants and recommended for all graduate students interested in teaching on the college level. Methods of teaching are analyzed, including writing and delivering a lecture, leading a discussion, using audiovisual materials, writing exams, and techniques for grading.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8713. The Historian and Society. 3 Credit Hours.
Open to students in Temple's Public History Program and to matriculated graduate students in good standing, this course provides graduate credit for Public History Internships in selected Philadelphia-area historical societies, museums, and cultural institutions.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8714. Historical Methods. 3 Credit Hours.
This seminar is an introduction to the practice of professional history and to historical methodologies. One of the main purposes of the seminar is to familiarize its participants with the methodological and historiographical evolution of professional history. How has the approach of historians to their craft changed in the last century? What assumptions informed the decisions they have been made about how to study the past? In short, we study methodology because it is a way of approaching the questions that are central to historical scholarship: How do we know what has happened? How do we decide what matters? How do we best study the past? Whose version of history is authoritative?

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8800. Topics in History I. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to a variety of historical and normally comparative topics and themes in, such as environmental or psychological history.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
HIST 8801. Cross-Cultural Encounters. 3 Credit Hours.
Readings and discussion of selected issues in the history of the interaction of various cultures and societies. Special attention is paid to issues of power.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8807. Comparative History - Modern War. 3 Credit Hours.
Beginning with the emergence of armies and navies that can be considered "modern" because of the professional educational qualification of their officers, this course examines the historical literature dealing with warfare and armed forces around the world from the 17th century to the present.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8809. World War II. 3 Credit Hours.
Refighting the military history of World War II, with the battles emphasized but placed in their diplomatic, political, and economic contexts. This course is designed as an introduction to graduate study in history for college graduates who have a basic knowledge of modern history. Through lectures and discussion, and with readings tailored to the interests of each student, the major issues of the causes, conduct, and significance of World War II will be raised and examined as they have emerged in debate among the participants in the events and historians.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

HIST 8810. Topics in History II. 3 Credit Hours.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 8820. Topics in History III. 3 Credit Hours.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 9208. Research Seminar. 3 Credit Hours.
This research seminar explores a range of subjects not restricted to any geographic area or time period. Students prepare an oral presentation and research paper on a specific subject of his/her choosing but approved by the instructor. The research utilizes some secondary but principally primary sources.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 9683. Readings in History. 3 Credit Hours.
Students who enroll in this course are given an opportunity to pursue an independent study of a topic of particular interest to them. Their work will be supervised by a member of the graduate faculty of the history department.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 9783. Readings in History II. 3 Credit Hours.
Students who enroll in this course are given an opportunity to pursue an independent study of a topic of particular interest to them. Their work will be supervised by a member of the graduate faculty of the history department.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 9994. Preliminary Examination Preparation. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
HIST 9996. Master's Thesis. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 9998. Pre-Dissertation Research. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.
Registration required each semester after Preliminary Examinations while researching the dissertation proposal.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

HIST 9999. Dissertation Research. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate.
Student Attribute Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Student Attributes: Dissertation Writing Student.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.