

Fort Hays State University
 Department of History and Philosophy
 History and Public History Programs
 Accelerated M.A. Degree in History or Public History

Program Description: The Program of History’s Accelerated Degree program (Bachelor’s to Master’s) is designed to provide high-achieving undergraduates the opportunity to link advanced undergraduate coursework with graduate coursework for degree completion. Faculty will identify exceptional students at the junior level to invite. Invited students will complete an application process through the Graduate School. Students in this program will take 9 hours of courses their senior year that will count toward their undergraduate and graduate degrees. This allows students to finish the M.A. at least one year early. Once the undergraduate degree is completed, the students are eligible to apply and hold a GTA position.

Admissions Requirement: Students must meet the following minimum criteria for admission into the accelerated program. (Add additional requirements if needed)

- Junior standing
- At least one semester completed of full-time, degree-seeking coursework at FHSU
- 3.0 GPA in the previous 60 hours of undergraduate coursework
- 3.0 GPA in Program of History
- Completed personal statement
- 2 letters of recommendation
- Writing sample

Sample Plan of Study:

Senior Year Fall:	600G+-level HIST course (3 hours)*
Senior Year Spring:	Two 600G+-level HIST course (6 hours)**
Senior Year Summer:	600G+-level HIST course (3 hours) Optional, and with approval from Graduate Advisors
First Year M.S. Fall:	Three 600G+-level HIST courses (9 hours)
First Year M.S. Spring:	Three/Four 600G+-level HIST courses (9/12 hours)

*Students are advised to take HIST 889: Graduate Historical Methods during this semester.

**Students are advised to take HIST 675G: Seminar in History during this semester.

Comprehensive Exam: Comprehensive Exams will be taken in their final semester in the program. See the History Program Graduate Handbook for specific details.

Academic Advising: The department's Graduate Advisor will be responsible for coordinating the admissions process. The student will meet with their professional advisor and graduate advisor at the end of the fall and spring semesters in their senior year. The student will only meet with their graduate advisor during their M.A. year.

Satisfactory academic progress includes:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in the undergraduate program of study and graduate program of study and a Program of History cumulative GPA of 3.0 (at both the graduate and undergraduate levels).
2. Earn grades of B or higher on all double-counted, graduate-level courses.
3. Complete the required graduate courses (Graduate Methods, Seminars, and Historiography).
4. Complete the degree requirements for the M.A. in accordance with the Graduate School's policy.