The mission of the Graduate Program of the History Department of the University of North Dakota is to provide quality graduate-level instruction in the fields of North American, European, and World History. Successful students will be prepared to seek careers as history teachers at the high school and junior college level, as public historians, museum curators, archivists, or in a variety of other professions (journalism, business, government service) which require well-developed skills in research, critical thinking, and oral and written expression.

**Goal 1:** Students will be able to conduct significant, independent research in their chosen field of concentration.  
**Goal 2:** Students will demonstrate considerable knowledge of disciplinary sub-fields, major interpretive schools of thought, appropriate methodological approaches, and a mastery of the major works in their field of concentration.  
**Goal 3:** Students will be able to combine the results of their primary research with their knowledge of the pertinent secondary and theoretical literature and present their findings both orally and in writing.

**Admission Requirements**
The applicant must meet the Graduate School’s current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

1. Demonstration of preparation for graduate study in history. This includes one of the following from a recognized college or university:
   a. A bachelor’s degree in history, or
   b. An undergraduate degree with a minimum of 20 semester credits in history with at least 6 credits at the upper division level, or
   c. An undergraduate degree or combination of classes clearly demonstrating the applicant’s ability to pursue graduate study in history.
2. An overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 and at least 3.25 in all undergraduate history courses.
3. A writing sample, preferably a research or seminar paper, that demonstrates the applicant’s research, analytical and writing skills.
4. Three letters of recommendation with at least two coming from individuals who hold or have held academic positions and who can comment on the applicant’s aptitude for graduate work.
5. A one-to-two page statement that explains the applicant’s interest in history, the reason for applying to the UND graduate program, and the area or areas in which the applicant intends to take courses and conduct research.
6. The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
7. To insure full consideration of applications, especially for tuition waivers and graduate teaching assistantships, the application deadline for Fall admission is March 15 and for Spring admission, it is September 30. Later applications will be considered.

**Degree Requirements**
Students seeking the Master of Arts degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements of the School of Graduate Studies as well as requirements of the History Department.

**Thesis Option**
1. The M.A. degree (thesis option) requires a minimum of 30 credit hours.
2. In consultation with a designated advisor, the student will select a supervisory committee and prepare a program of study that provides the student with the academic tools necessary for advanced scholarly research, responds to the student’s academic and professional interests and goals, and fulfills all degree requirements. At the discretion of the student’s advisor, this program may require demonstrable proficiency in a foreign language and may include a minor or cognate.
3. The following coursework is required:

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4. The candidate will successfully complete, defend and submit to the School of Graduate Studies a thesis that meets the History Department’s established guidelines.

Non-Thesis Option
1. The M.A. degree (non-thesis option) requires a total of 35 credit hours.
2. In consultation with a designated advisor, the student will select a supervisory committee and prepare a program of study that provides the student with the academic tools necessary for advanced scholarly research, responds to the student’s academic and professional interests and goals, and fulfills all degree requirements. At the discretion of the student’s advisor, this program may require demonstrable proficiency in a foreign language, and may include a minor or cognate.
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4. The candidate will successfully complete a scholarly independent investigation of a topic chosen in consultation with the advisor and members of the supervisory committee.
5. The candidate will successfully complete a comprehensive written examination administered by the advisor and supervisory committee, responding to the student’s program of study.

Faculty and Areas of Expertise
- Albert I. Berger, Ph.D., 20th Century, U.S. Military; U.S. Foreign Relations
- Hans Broedel, Ph.D., Graduate Program Director, Early Modern European Intellectual History
- Eric Burin, Ph.D., African-American; U.S. South; Antebellum America; Civil War and Reconstruction; Comparative Slavery
- Caroline Campbell, Ph.D., Modern France; European Women and Gender; Fascisms; the French Empire
- William Caraher, Ph.D., Ancient World; Greece
- Gordon L. Iseminger, Ph.D., Modern Europe; Victorian England
- Anne Kelsch, Ph.D., European Women’s History; European Social History; Modern Britain
- James D. Mochoruk, Ph.D., Canada; Northern Development; British Empire and Commonwealth
- Kimberly K. Porter, Ph.D., North Dakota; Agriculture; Late 19th and 20th century U.S.; Oral History; Agrarianism; Technology (Radio)
- Cynthia Prescott, Ph.D., American West; American Women and Gender; Material Culture
- Ty M. Reese, Ph.D., Atlantic World; Slave Trade; Comparative History

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