

HISTORY, MA

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Academic Advising

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The faculty in the Master of Arts in History program are at the forefront of traditional historical study, digital approaches to the past, and applied history. Students select from a variety of course topics while also selecting an area of historical specialization that accommodates their interests and furthers their career objectives. Students come to the program with diverse career objectives, and the program is designed with that diversity in mind. Students take classes in which they discuss history alongside future academics, public historians, teachers, military officers, non-profit professionals, government officials, entrepreneurs, and future academics.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>). For specific information, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://historyarthistory.gmu.edu/programs/application/LA-MA-HIST/>) on the departmental website.

Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see Graduate Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

Reduction of Credit

The program does not permit a reduction of credit based on a previously conferred graduate degree. Students may apply no more than 6 credits earned through study abroad courses toward their degree.

Satisfactory Progress

According to university policy, students may be terminated if they fail to achieve satisfactory progress toward their degree. Students in the program are judged as having failed to achieve satisfactory progress toward their degree for any one of the following reasons:

- Fail to complete HIST 610 The Study and Writing of History with a satisfactory grade within 2 semesters of first enrolling as degree-seeking students in the MA in history program.
- Accumulate grades of F in two graduate courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses.
- Accumulate 12 credits of grades of B- or below in graduate courses.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Total credits: 30 or 36

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students pursuing this degree must complete the requirements for one of the concentrations below. The concentrations in higher education and teaching require 36 credits, all others require 30 credits.

Concentrations

- Concentration in Predoctoral History (AH1, EH1, WH1)
- Concentration in Applied History (AH2, EH2, WH2)
- Concentration in Applied History with New Media and Information Technology Emphasis (AH4, EH4, WH4)
- Concentration in Enrichment (AH3, EH3, WH3)
- Concentration in Higher Education (HEDU)
- Concentration in Teaching (HS4)

Concentration in Predoctoral History (AH1, EH1, WH1)

This concentration is for students planning to pursue doctoral studies. Students choose one of three geographic specializations and a chronological or thematic minor field within that specialization. Students complete coursework and a research seminar in their geographic specialization and an additional independent project or thesis in their minor field.

Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 610	The Study and Writing of History ¹	3
Total Credits		3

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Must be taken within the first 9 credits

Specialization

Students complete one of the following geographic specializations.

Specialization in U.S. History

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following: ¹		12

Origins to 1861

HIST 613	Colonial North America
HIST 618	The Age of Jackson, 1815-1854
HIST 620	Development of the Early Republic, 1783-1815
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 631	Era of the American Revolution
HIST 661	Religion in North America to 1870
HIST 664	Indigenous North America
HIST 615	Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1861-1914

HIST 617	Topics in the American Civil War Era
HIST 622	U.S. South Since 1865
HIST 625	Civil Rights and Citizenship
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 629	The Gilded Age and Progressive Era
HIST 633	Reconstruction Era
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 662	U.S. Religion since 1870
HIST 664	Indigenous North America
HIST 615	Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)
Other appropriate course with department approval	

1914 World War I to the Present

HIST 622	U.S. South Since 1865
HIST 623	US Political History 1940-1990
HIST 625	Civil Rights and Citizenship
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 634	Interwar America: 1918-1939
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 662	U.S. Religion since 1870
HIST 664	Indigenous North America
HIST 677	The Vietnam War
HIST 615	Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)
Other appropriate course with department approval	

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Select at least 3 credits from each group

Specialization in European History

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following: ¹ 12		
Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern to 1789		
HIST 576	The Crusades	
HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies and with department approval)	
Other appropriate course with department approval		

1789-1914

HIST 639	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HIST 640	Modern Metropolis
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies and with department approval)
Other appropriate course with department approval	

1914 to the Present

HIST 640	Modern Metropolis
HIST 646	Stalinism
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine

HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies with department approval)	
Other appropriate course with department approval		

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Select at least 3 credits from each group.

Specialization in Global History

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following: 12		
HIST 510	Approaches to Modern World History	
HIST 525	Problems in Latin American History	
HIST 535	Problems in Global History	
HIST 555	Problems in Asian History	
HIST 565	Problems in African History	
HIST 575	Approaches to Middle East and Islamic History	
HIST 576	The Crusades	
HIST 585	Problems in Middle Eastern History	
HIST 627	Disasters in History	
HIST 676	World War II Era	
Other appropriate courses with department approval		

Research Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 797	Research Seminar in History	3
Total Credits		3

Minor Field Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
In consultation with the graduate director and other faculty, students identify a chronological or topical subspecialty and select two courses that relate directly to that subspecialty. 6		
Total Credits		6

Language Proficiency

Language proficiency sufficient to conduct primary source research in the student's intended area of concentration, as demonstrated by thesis or independent research project.

Project or Thesis

Code	Title	Credits
Select 6 credits of Project or Thesis 6		
Project and additional Elective		
HIST 798	Directed Research and Writing in History ¹	
Additional 3 credits from Specialization		
Thesis		
HIST 799	Thesis	
Total Credits		6

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Requires the completion of a major paper that is a substantial and original contribution to historical knowledge on the model of an article in a scholarly journal. If students choose to take , they complete an additional 3 credits in their specialization.

Concentration in Applied History (AH2, EH2, WH2)

This concentration is for students seeking expertise in applied history fields, such as archival management, museum studies, historic preservation, and historical editing. It is also suitable for professionally employed historians who desire to further their careers.

Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 610	The Study and Writing of History ¹	3
Total Credits		3

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Must be taken within the first 9 credits

Specialization

Students complete one of the following geographic specializations.

Specialization in U.S. History

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following: ¹		12

Origins to 1861

HIST 613	Colonial North America
HIST 618	The Age of Jackson, 1815-1854
HIST 620	Development of the Early Republic, 1783-1815
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 631	Era of the American Revolution
HIST 661	Religion in North America to 1870
HIST 664	Indigenous North America
HIST 615	Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1861-1914

HIST 617	Topics in the American Civil War Era
HIST 622	U.S. South Since 1865
HIST 625	Civil Rights and Citizenship
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 629	The Gilded Age and Progressive Era
HIST 633	Reconstruction Era
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 662	U.S. Religion since 1870
HIST 664	Indigenous North America
HIST 615	Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1914 World War I to the Present

HIST 622	U.S. South Since 1865
HIST 623	US Political History 1940-1990
HIST 625	Civil Rights and Citizenship
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 634	Interwar America: 1918-1939
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 662	U.S. Religion since 1870

HIST 664	Indigenous North America
HIST 677	The Vietnam War
HIST 615	Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)
Other appropriate course with department approval	

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Select at least 3 credits from each group.

Specialization in European History

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following: ¹		12

Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern to 1789

HIST 576	The Crusades
HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1789-1914

HIST 639	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HIST 640	Modern Metropolis
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1914 to the Present

HIST 640	Modern Metropolis
HIST 646	Stalinism
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

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Select at least 3 credits from each group.

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Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following:		12

HIST 510	Approaches to Modern World History
HIST 525	Problems in Latin American History
HIST 535	Problems in Global History
HIST 555	Problems in Asian History
HIST 565	Problems in African History
HIST 575	Approaches to Middle East and Islamic History
HIST 576	The Crusades
HIST 585	Problems in Middle Eastern History
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 676	World War II Era

Other appropriate course with department approval

Research Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 797	Research Seminar in History	3
Total Credits		3

Applied History

Students take 12 credits of coursework in historic preservation, museum studies, archives, historical editing, or new media and information technology. At least 6 credits must be taken as coursework other than internship.

Code	Title	Credits
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Professional Experience

Students may meet this requirement through a minimum of 3 credits of internship or with professional experience in applied history, with documentation and approval of department. Students with professional experience will take 12 credits of coursework from the list below to meet the applied history requirement.

HIST 794 Internship in Applied History

Select 6-12 credits from the following: 6-12

HIST 597 Topics in Applied History

HIST 679 War and Remembrance

HIST 680 Introduction to Digital Humanities

HIST 688 Topics in History and New Media

HIST 689 Teaching and Learning History in the Digital Age

HIST 690 The Administration of Archives and Manuscripts

HIST 691 Museum Studies

HIST 692 Historical Editing

HIST 693 Historic Preservation

HIST 694 Digital Public History

HIST 696 Clio Wired: An Introduction to History and New Media

HIST 697 Data Analysis for History

HIST 698 Creating Software for History

Other appropriate course with department approval

Proficiency in a Relevant Research Tool

Code	Title	Credits
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Students fulfill the requirement by completing one of the following:

Coursework, work or internship experience, or exam in computers, statistics, or a modern foreign language.

HIST 680 Introduction to Digital Humanities

HIST 696 Clio Wired: An Introduction to History and New Media

Other course by approval of department

Concentration in Applied History with New Media and Information Technology Emphasis (AH4, EH4, WH4)

Students pursuing this concentration take:

Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 610	The Study and Writing of History ¹	3
Total Credits		3

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Must be taken within the first 9 credits

Specialization

Students complete one of the following geographic specializations.

Specialization in U.S. History

Code	Title	Credits
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Select four courses from the following: ¹

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Origins to 1861

HIST 613 Colonial North America

HIST 618 The Age of Jackson, 1815-1854

HIST 620 Development of the Early Republic, 1783-1815

HIST 627 Disasters in History

HIST 631 Era of the American Revolution

HIST 661 Religion in North America to 1870

HIST 664 Indigenous North America

HIST 615 Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1861-1914

HIST 617 Topics in the American Civil War Era

HIST 622 U.S. South Since 1865

HIST 625 Civil Rights and Citizenship

HIST 627 Disasters in History

HIST 629 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era

HIST 633 Reconstruction Era

HIST 650 Technology and Power

HIST 651 History of Disease and Medicine

HIST 662 U.S. Religion since 1870

HIST 664 Indigenous North America

HIST 615 Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1914 World War I to the Present

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HIST 623 US Political History 1940-1990

HIST 625 Civil Rights and Citizenship

HIST 627 Disasters in History

HIST 634 Interwar America: 1918-1939

HIST 650 Technology and Power

HIST 651 History of Disease and Medicine

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HIST 664 Indigenous North America

HIST 677 The Vietnam War

HIST 615 Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

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Select at least 3 credits from each group.

Specialization in European History

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following: ¹		12

Ancient, Medieval, Early Modern to 1789

HIST 576	The Crusades
HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1789-1914

HIST 639	Nineteenth-Century Europe
HIST 640	Modern Metropolis
HIST 650	Technology and Power
HIST 651	History of Disease and Medicine
HIST 635	Problems in European History (when topic applies and with department approval)

Other appropriate course with department approval

1914 to the Present

HIST 640	Modern Metropolis
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Specialization in Global History

Code	Title	Credits
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HIST 510	Approaches to Modern World History
HIST 525	Problems in Latin American History
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HIST 555	Problems in Asian History
HIST 565	Problems in African History
HIST 575	Approaches to Middle East and Islamic History
HIST 576	The Crusades
HIST 585	Problems in Middle Eastern History
HIST 627	Disasters in History
HIST 676	World War II Era

Other appropriate course with department approval

Research Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 797	Research Seminar in History	3
Total Credits		3

New Media and Information Technology

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses in new media and information technology ¹		6
Total Credits		6

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Students should consult the department for relevant courses.

Internship in Information Technology

If students chose to do a 3-credit internship, they will take an additional 3 credits in applied history course work from courses numbered HIST 680 - HIST 698.

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 794	Internship in Applied History	3-6
Total Credits		3-6

Proficiency in a Relevant Research Tool

Code	Title	Credits
Students fulfill the requirement by completing one of the following:		

Coursework, work or internship experience, or exam in computers, statistics, or a modern foreign language.

HIST 680	Introduction to Digital Humanities
HIST 696	Clio Wired: An Introduction to History and New Media

Other course by approval of department

Concentration in Enrichment (AH3, EH3, WH3)

This concentration is for students who want to study history for intellectual self-fulfillment or vocational reasons. It allows more flexibility in the selection of courses and does not have a foreign language requirement.

Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 610	The Study and Writing of History ¹	3
Total Credits		3

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Must be taken within the first 9 credits.

Specialization

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HIST 620	Development of the Early Republic, 1783-1815	
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HIST 664	Indigenous North America	

HIST 615	Problems in American History (when topic applies and with department approval)
Other appropriate course with department approval	
1861-1914	
HIST 617	Topics in the American Civil War Era
HIST 622	U.S. South Since 1865
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HIST 622	U.S. South Since 1865
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Specialization in European History

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Other appropriate course with department approval	

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Specialization in Global History

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HIST 525	Problems in Latin American History	
HIST 535	Problems in Global History	
HIST 555	Problems in Asian History	
HIST 565	Problems in African History	
HIST 575	Approaches to Middle East and Islamic History	
HIST 576	The Crusades	
HIST 585	Problems in Middle Eastern History	
HIST 627	Disasters in History	
HIST 676	World War II Era	
Other appropriate course with department approval		

Research Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 797	Research Seminar in History	3
Total Credits		3

Course in a Field Outside of Geographic Specialization

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from U.S., European, or world history (listed above) that is not in their chosen specialization.		3
Total Credits		3

Elective Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Students can choose to pursue a Thesis in lieu of two electives		9
Select three elective courses		
Thesis		
HIST 799	Thesis	
Select one elective course		
Total Credits		9

Concentration in Higher Education (HEDU)

The concentration in higher education is intended for students who want to teach history at community college. It includes coursework in both history and education, including a course on college teaching. Students are required to take at least one history course in each of three areas (U.S., European, and world history), and they are encouraged to take two courses in each area to prepare them to teach the U.S., western civilization, and world history survey courses most commonly offered at the community college level.

Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 610	The Study and Writing of History ¹	3
Total Credits		3

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Must be taken with the first 9 credits.

Additional Courses in History

Code	Title	Credits
Select six courses in history ¹		18
Total Credits		18

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Must include at least one course each from U.S. European, and world history.

Research Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 797	Research Seminar in History	3
Total Credits		3

Graduate Education

Code	Title	Credits
Select four courses from the following:		12
HE 602	College Teaching	
HE 685	Practicum	
Six credits of HE electives		
Total Credits		12

Concentration in Teaching (HS4)

This concentration offers students interested in a career in secondary education the option to devote part of their History MA to graduate coursework that can be applied toward the requirements for licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Students who have an interest in obtaining licensure to teach should meet with a pre-Education advisor in the College Of Education and Human Development at the beginning of their program to create a plan for completion of the required content-coursework prerequisites (Endorsements). You can view information here: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse/> or contact the Pre-Education Advising Coordinator at endorse@gmu.edu. Students seeking licensure must also enroll in the Secondary Education Licensure Graduate Certificate (E1-CERG-SELC) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/secondary-education-licensure-graduate-certificate/>), a state-approved educator preparation program. Upon completion of the discipline-specific content competencies coursework; the MA in History, concentration in teaching; and the Secondary Education Licensure Graduate Certificate, students will be eligible for recommendation for an initial teaching license in Secondary Education History and Social Science.

Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 610	The Study and Writing of History ¹	3
Total Credits		3

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Must be taken within the first 9 credits.

History

Code	Title	Credits
Select five courses in history, at least one course each from U.S., European, and world history		15
Total Credits		15

Research Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 797	Research Seminar in History	3
Total Credits		3

College of Education and Human Development Graduate Courses

Code	Title	Credits
SEED 567	Teaching Social Studies in the Secondary School	3
SEED 522	Foundations of Secondary Education	3
EDRD 619	Disciplinary Literacy	3
SEED 540	Human Development and Learning: Secondary Education	3
SEED 667	Advanced Methods of Teaching Social Sciences in the Secondary School	3
Total Credits		15

Program Outcomes**Program Outcomes**

- Achieve historical literacy: Identify, summarize, appraise, and synthesize other scholars' historical arguments.
- Build historical knowledge: Gather and contextualize information to convey both the particularity of past lives and the scale of human experience.
- Develop historical methods: Collect, sift, organize, question, synthesize, and interpret complex material.
- Create historical arguments and narratives: Generate substantive, open-ended questions about the past and develop research strategies to answer them.

Accelerated Master's**History, BA/History, Accelerated MA Overview**

Highly-qualified Mason undergraduates may be admitted to the bachelor's/accelerated master's program and obtain a BA in History and an MA in History in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 138 credits.

See AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) for policies related to this program.

Students in an accelerated degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/>).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) Policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>) and Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree policies (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>). For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see Application Requirements and Deadlines (<http://historyarthistory.gmu.edu/programs/la-ma-ancel-hist/application/>) on the departmental website.

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits, including HIST 300 Introduction to Historical Method (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) with a minimum grade of B+.

Students who are accepted in the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits.

Accelerated Master's Admissions Requirements

Students already admitted in the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the MA program, if they have met the following criteria, as verified on the Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Transition form:

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- Completion of a HIST 499 RS: Senior Seminar in History (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>) or HIST 491 Honors Directed Research
- Minimum grade of B in each advanced standing course
- Successfully meeting Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and completing the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Advanced Standing courses (up to 12 credits with a minimum grade of B in each)

500- or 600-level HIST courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/>) HIST 610 The Study and Writing of History is preferred, but not required

Reserve Graduate Credit courses (up to 6 credits) taken while an undergraduate and will only count for the graduate degree program

500- or 600-level HIST courses (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/courses/hist/>)

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements see AP.6.7 Bachelor's Accelerated Master's Degree (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-7>) policies.