

# Graduate Studies Programs

## *Dual Degree in History and Archives Management*

### About the Program

The Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) and the History department offer a dual degree program in History and Archives Management leading to both a Master of Science in Library and Information Science and a Master of Arts in History. The program prepares students for the increasing number of archival positions that require both technical training and historical knowledge. By focusing on the needs of the rapidly developing Archives profession, the program trains students to work with archival and manuscript material in a variety of settings by combining course curriculum, theoretical background, and hands-on experience.

### Degree Requirements

The Dual Degree program in History and Archives Management consists of a total of 57 credit hours. Students take 12 credit hours of required library and information science courses, 12 credits hours of required core archives courses, and eight additional credit hours in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. In the History department, students complete eight credit hours of required courses and 16 credit hours of History electives at the 400 level or above. Only one application is necessary to be admitted to both programs. Please be aware that the Master of Arts in History is offered only in conjunction with this dual degree program.

### Educational Promise

Simmons College is located in the heart of Boston, a world-class city renowned for unlimited educational, career, and social opportunities. All programs provide a challenging educational experience in which every student develops an informed, critical, and committed voice, and learns to be a leader and collaborative member of the professional community. Simmons College was named a “Best College” in its category in the 2007 U.S. News & World Report rankings of “America’s Top Colleges.” Simmons is named also in the 2007 Princeton Review “Best 361 Colleges,” an honor held by only 15% of the four-year undergraduate colleges in America. Simmons College will focus on your career and life goals. We pledge to uphold an educational contract that places students first. You won’t get lost at Simmons - instead, you’ll work closely and collaboratively with faculty who are leading experts in their fields and who know your name. We’ll make sure you’re an important part of a stimulating community that inspires dialogue, action, and professional growth.

Expect the best from your educational investment.

*“The Simmons program allowed me to draw on my background in art, and it showed me the crossover among my fields of interest. It then opened the doors for me to obtain practical experience at area libraries and archival organizations while I attended classes. I feel I’m well prepared for my job search.”*

- JONATHAN LILL '03LS



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# Coursework

## GSLIS Core Requirements (12 credits)

LIS 407 Reference/Information Services  
LIS 415 Organization of Knowledge in Libraries

AND

OR LIS 403 Library and Information Science: The Role of Research  
LIS 404 Principles of Management

## Archives Concentration Requirements (12 credits)

LIS 438 Introduction to Archival Methods  
LIS 439 Preservation Management for Libraries and Archives  
LIS 440 Administration of Archives and Manuscript Collections

*Internships are required in both LIS 438 and LIS 440*

## GSLIS Electives (eight credits)

4 credit hours

LIS 416 Organization of Nonprint Materials  
LIS 433 Oral History  
LIS 446 Art Documentation  
LIS 456 Records Management  
LIS 462 Digital Libraries  
LIS 470 History of Visual Communication  
LIS 471 Photographic Archives and Visual Information  
LIS 531C Archives, History, and Collective Memory\*

2 credit hours

LIS 520R Information Services and the World Wide Web  
LIS 520S Preservation Technologies  
LIS 520T Establishing Archives and Manuscript Programs  
LIS 520U Basic Materials Repair  
LIS 520W Appraisal of Archives and Manuscripts

## Required History Courses (eight credits)

HIST 597 Historical Methods and Research  
HIST 455 Thesis

## Elective History Courses (16 credits)

HIST 404 Japanese Culture — Gender, Family, and Society  
HIST 406 Rise of Modern China  
HIST 410/411 The African-American Experience  
HIST 413 Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History  
HIST 415/416 Women and Gender in U.S. History  
HIST 419 History of Sexuality and the Family  
HIST 425 Topics in Cultural History  
HIST 435 French Revolutionary Era  
HIST 437 Holocaust  
HIST 440 Atlantic World 1500-1800  
HIST 449 U.S. Foreign Policy  
HIST 527 Archives, History, and Collective Memory\*  
HIST 560 Seminar in the History of Women and Gender  
HIST 562 Seminar in Reforms and Revolutions in Asia  
HIST 571 Seminar in Early American History  
HIST 572 Seminar in the Early Republic  
HIST 573 Seminar in Nineteenth-Century U.S. History  
HIST 574 Seminar in Modern U. S. History  
HIST 577 Seminar in Topics in Modern European History

*\*Required to be taken as either a History or an Archives elective*

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