

# Graduate Studies Programs

## *Master of Arts in History*

### About the Program

This program emphasizes the study of history as a multi-faceted field that is ever changing, constantly developing new questions about the past, and exploring innovative approaches to answering those questions. Simmons has offered graduate study in history since 1992. Our students are preparing for careers in education, research, archives management, librarianship, curatorship, and various other forms of public history. Some alumni proceed to doctoral study in the discipline. All of these possible directions benefit from our emphasis on research, which trains students in identifying and interpreting sources and in the critical evaluation of history. Through an individualized course of study, each student can gain a broad understanding of the past across different eras and places, or deepen knowledge of a specialized historical topic. The program combines independent work with strong faculty mentorship. Faculty expertise includes American history from the colonial era through the twentieth century, modern Europe, East Asia, and the Middle East; global and comparative history, women and gender, maritime history, the Atlantic world, memory studies, and public history. Courses and internship opportunities take advantage of the vibrant array of historic sites and manuscript collections that surround our Boston campus. A dual MA/MS program in Archives and History, offered in conjunction with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, offers additional coursework in archival studies as well as hands-on experience in the field.

### The Simmons Difference

For more than 100 years, Simmons has put the needs of our students first. Through an education that combines intellectual leadership with professional preparation, we help students lead meaningful lives and build successful careers for the 21st Century. The College's commitment can be seen in our state-of-the-art facilities for teaching, learning, living, and working at Simmons, as well as through our exceptional faculty and staff. 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 2010 US News & World Report. Simmons was also included in the 2010 Princeton Review "Best 351 Colleges," and was named among the "Best in New England" in the first-ever edition of Princeton Review's Best Northeastern Colleges.

*"From the department chair to the adjunct professors, I was never in doubt that they cared deeply about my education and my engagement with course material, as well as my personal well-being. The balance of support, guidance, and intellectual challenge kept me engaged and often excited - I looked forward to classes and strove to push myself and to deepen my understanding of history."*

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## Sequence of Courses

This program requires 36 semester hours, the equivalent of nine courses. All students should take one course in historical methodology and historiography; a series of electives; and a culminating research project or internship (fieldwork, thesis, teaching practicum, or public history internship). Students may enroll on either a full-time or part-time basis as long as they complete the program within five years. The program may be completed in three semesters (in some cases, within one academic year, including summer study)

## Coursework

### Required Courses:

- HIST 597 Historical Methods and Research  
or  
HIST 460 Interpreting the Past: The Craft of History

### Elective Courses - partial list\* (24 or 28 credits)

- HIST 527 Archives, History, and Collective Memory  
HIST 529 Film and Historical Representations  
HIST 560 Seminar in the History of Women and Gender  
HIST 561 Cross-Cultural Encounters  
HIST 562 Reforms and Revolutions in Asia  
HIST 564 Rape of Nanjing  
HIST 565 9/11 Narratives  
HIST 567 Memory and the Holocaust  
HIST 568 Sites of History: Research Seminar in Public History  
HIST 571 Seminar in Early America  
HIST 573 Seminar in the Nineteenth-Century United States  
HIST 574 Seminar in the Modern United States  
HIST 575 Cold War Culture  
HIST 577 Topics in Modern European History

### Independent Study (4 or 8 credits)

- HIST 450 Independent Study  
HIST 455 Thesis  
HIST 570 Internship  
HIST 580 Fieldwork

*\*This coursework is subject to change and varies by semester. Full course descriptions and a list of current electives for each semester is available at [www.simmons.edu/gradstudies/programs/history/courses.php](http://www.simmons.edu/gradstudies/programs/history/courses.php)*

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