Graduates of the Master of Arts program in History at the College of Staten Island will acquire an overview of global history and a focus on a geographic area of specialization. They will learn to recognize historical questions and to apply the methods historians have developed to analyze and describe critical human events.

The program is also suited for teachers in the social sciences with initial certification who wish to deepen their knowledge of history as they complete the master’s degree qualification demanded for professional certification. Careers in cultural institutions are also open to students with the professional training in historical research provided by the master's program.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in History requires 32 graduate credits, with all graduate courses designated at four credits, for a total of eight courses. Students must take four courses from the five areas of concentration (one course from each area). All students are required to complete Historical Methods and either two thesis seminars or the portfolio seminar.

Areas of Concentration:
- History of Africa and Middle East
- History of Asia
- History of Europe
- History of Latin America and the Caribbean
- History of the United States

Courses:
- Topics in the History of Africa
- Topics in the History of the Middle East
- Topics in the History of South Asia
- Topics in the History of East Asia
- Topics in European History to the Renaissance
- Topics in Latin American History
- Topics in Caribbean History
- Topics in U.S. History to 1865
- Topics in Ancient European and Mediterranean History
- Topics in Medieval European and Mediterranean History
- Topics in Early Modern European History
- Topics in Modern European History
- Introduction to Archival Studies
- Archival Studies Practicum
- Introduction to Museum Studies
- Historical Method
- Portfolio Preparation Seminar
- Preparation of Thesis Proposal
- Thesis Tutorial Seminar

Students with a New York State initial teaching certification in Adolescence Education (Social Studies) who wish to obtain professional certification are required to complete 36 credits. These students must complete the following courses:
- Advanced Studies in Teaching Secondary School Social Studies (3 credits)
- Independent study (1 credit)
- Preparation of Thesis Proposal (4 credits) AND Thesis Tutorial Seminar (4 credits)
  OR
- Portfolio Preparation Seminar (4 credits)
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree
- Overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate history courses

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Graduate Application:
The application must be completed online at www.csi.cuny.edu/graduatestudies.

Transcripts:
Applicants must request official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution, have one transcript sent now and another sent when you complete the courses that you are taking. Applicants who have been enrolled at CSI do not need to request a CSI transcript; the Office of Recruitment and Admissions will obtain a copy.

Application Fee:
A $75.00 non-refundable application fee is required of all applicants. Please make your check or money order payable to the College of Staten Island. Veterans are exempt from paying the application fee. Veterans must provide proof of their Veteran/Military status in order to be waived from paying the application fee.

Letter or Statement:
Applicants must submit a one typed page letter of intent explaining their interest in pursuing graduate studies in history.

Research-Based Writing Sample:
A ten-page research-based writing sample preferably written for a history course.

Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation from professors under whom the applicant has studied or other persons who can comment directly on the applicant’s potential as a graduate student and scholar.

TOEFL or IELTS:
The TOEFL or IELTS exam is a requirement of students for whom English is a second language.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Minimum required score is 79-80 (Internet). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org. Our institutional code is 2778.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS): We will only accept the academic exam scores. The minimum required score is 6.5 (overall band). For additional information or to register for the exam, please visit the IELTS website at www.ielts.org

All documents must be submitted to the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

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