PROJECTED DEGREE PLAN
From BA to MA to PhD

Below is an outline of an optimal sequence to enable a student who enters our program with a bachelor’s degree to complete a master’s degree (with report) and a PhD in History in five years. The order and timing of some courses and examinations can be adjusted as needed.

First Semester:
Take: one historiography course,
    two other courses in major field.
Pass first foreign language exam.
Decide on a supporting field.

Second Semester:
Take: one historiography course,
    one other course in major field (preferably a research seminar),
    one course in supporting field.
(If appropriate, substitute one course in a foreign language.)
Decide on supervisor for master’s report.
Begin to assemble examining committee for comprehensive qualifying exam in major field.

Third Semester:
Take: one course in major field,
    two courses in supporting field.
Decide on topic for master’s report and begin preliminary work on it.
Undergo review by the GPC for admission to the doctoral program.

Fourth Semester:
Take: one course in major field,
    one course in supporting field.
Write master’s report (register for HIS 398R).
Pass second foreign language exam (if required).

Fifth Semester:
Take: one course in major field.
Read for comprehensive qualifying exam (register for HIS 393L).

Sixth Semester:
Read for comprehensive qualifying exam (register for HIS 393L).
Take comprehensive qualifying exam.
Pass third foreign language exam (if required).
Assemble doctoral committee.

Seventh Semester:
Do research for dissertation.
Take part in dissertation workshop.

Eighth Semester:
Do research for dissertation.

Ninth and Tenth Semesters:
Write dissertation.
Defend dissertation.