

# Madonna University

## MA: History

United States History in a Global Context • College of Social Sciences

### About the Program

#### Overview

In line with the Madonna University mission, the Master of Arts program in history is founded on intellectual inquiry and is intended to promote the professional, career, and personal goals of students with a respect for diversity.

Collectively, our program reflects our commitment to enhance historical understanding by strengthening the ability of graduate students to analyze and interpret the past.

#### Unique Program Features

- Focused on United States History, with a balanced approach that meets the education professional's need to study a variety of historical topics and time periods, while at the same time deepening understanding of how history works as a discipline on the higher levels.
- A carefully designed set of courses that give breadth to your degree by study of Europe and the World in a way that specially complements American history.
- Attention to both diversity and core traditions of world cultures, including the United States.
- Emphasis on information literacy; i.e., the ability to find, assess, and use scholarly sources available through modern libraries and professional library faculty.
- Students engage in original historical research by working on a variety of papers through their classes, and assembling a portfolio of research work accomplished. A Master's thesis is not required.

- Most courses offered in a "hybrid" in-class/online format that allows a student to finish in two years while typically coming to campus only one night a week. (This assumes you will take two courses per semester.)
- Our program takes student advising and personal attention to students very seriously. The program faculty are committed to excellence in advising, and will help you craft your graduate work in a way that is both welcoming and professional.

### Admission Requirements

Admission to the program is determined on the basis of the following criteria:

1. A bachelor degree from an accredited institution, with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (an average of 2.75 to 2.99 will be reviewed for conditional admission);
2. At least 20 hours in history from an accredited institution with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 in history (an average of 2.75 to 2.99 will be reviewed for conditional admission);
3. Letters of recommendation from two previous academic professors;
4. An interview with a History Department faculty member;
5. A writing sample.

### Program Requirements (30 s.h.)

#### Introductory Colloquium (3 s.h.)

HIS 5010 History Colloquium: Introduction to Graduate Study 3 s.h.

#### United States Readings (15 s.h.)

HIS 5100 Colonial/Early National Era United States 3 s.h.  
HIS 5300 Middle Period United States 3 s.h.  
HIS 6000 Modern United States 3 s.h.  
HIS 6500 Readings in U.S. Military/Political History 3 s.h.  
HIS 6700 Readings in U.S. Economic/Social History 3 s.h.

#### European and Area Studies Readings (9 s.h.)

HIS 6330 Modern Western Civilization 3 s.h.

Select two of the following four courses: 6 s.h.

HIS 5631 Global Studies: Modern Africa (3 s.h.)  
HIS 5632 Global Studies: Modern Asia (3 s.h.)  
HIS 5633 Global Studies: Modern Latin America (3 s.h.)  
HIS 5634 Global Studies: Modern Middle East (3 s.h.)

#### Capstone Colloquium (3 s.h.)

HIS 6950 Integrating Master's Seminar in History 3 s.h.

**30 s.h.**

#### Transfer Students

Students may transfer up to 6 semester hours of graduate credit, with departmental approval.



## For Admissions Information

Application and any transcripts are to be submitted directly to:

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## For Program Information

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Madonna University guarantees the right to equal educational opportunity without discrimination because of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disabilities.

## *“Fellow Citizens: We Cannot Escape History”*

--Abraham Lincoln

A Master’s degree in History is ideal for those who want to deepen their knowledge of history, the social sciences, or human affairs in general, whether in order to increase their qualifications as teachers in the classroom, to prepare for a doctorate, or for personal reasons.

A Master’s degree allows students to develop an understanding of the human past that is both broader and deeper than is possible on the undergraduate level.

It is broader, because a master’s student will come to know a wider range of understandings of history through more extensive reading in the work of important historians past and present. At the same time, it will allow the student to come to a greater command of historical data.

It is deeper, because the student will sharpen his or her research skills, and gain confidence in doing research on his or her chosen topics of interest.

The History Department faculty members encourage and support the use of student foreign language skills and foreign study and travel to enhance and enrich their graduate historical studies.

## Program Outcomes

Students completing the curriculum and requirements for the Masters of Arts in History at Madonna University will be able to:

1. Explain the content boundaries, methodology, epistemology, and teleology of the discipline of history.
2. Explain the continuities and changes that characterize defined periods of United States and global history.
3. Explain the causes and effects of selected pivotal events in United States and global history.
4. Assess the impact of selected individuals and communities upon their own and subsequent history.
5. Interpret, assess, and use professional journal articles, monographs, and primary sources related to the discipline of history.
6. Assess scholarly works related to major themes in United States and global history and explain their historiographical context.
7. Create historical scholarship and present this scholarship professionally in a variety of modes.

## Graduate Faculty

### **Roger Crownover**

B.A. Madonna University;  
M.A., Eastern Michigan;  
Ph.D., Union Institute & University

### **Randal Hoyer**

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M.A., Ph.D., Michigan State University

### **Dennis Bozyk**

B.A., M.A., University of Michigan

### **Paul Radzilowski**

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M.A., Ph.D., University of Southern California