Department of History

The teacher-scholars of the Department of History at Texas State are dedicated to studying, interpreting, teaching, and communicating the human past. Departmental historians understand teaching and scholarly research to be a single unified whole and the most important aspect of their professional activity. The department’s principal teaching mission consists of two aspects: providing an introduction to the study of history as part of the liberal arts foundation required of all Texas State undergraduates and of offering a well-developed program of historical study to advanced undergraduate and graduate students, including those training to be secondary-level history and social studies teachers in the public schools and those preparing for careers in public history.

The Department of History is dedicated to building on its record of introducing students to the diversity of the world through course work, study abroad experiences and visiting scholars. A further departmental mission is scholarly research, as faculty members undertake significant research projects to advance historical knowledge and contribute to the constant reinterpretation of historical phenomena. They share their research with the national and international scholarly community through the presentation and publication of historical studies. Departmental members also engage the community and general public in numerous historical programs and activities to increase general interest in history and to broaden understanding of past human activity.

We support student teacher preparation for prospective secondary school teachers in the areas of history and social studies.

Successful graduates enter doctoral programs, or find jobs in the public and private sector. Our students have gone on for further study to universities across the country, from the University of California at Berkeley to the University of Michigan to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Other students have utilized their training in positions at Dell, General Motors, and many other major corporations. Public history students have earned appointments with national and regional governmental agencies while others have used their skills in secondary schools.

Master of Arts (M.A.)

- Major in History (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/history/ma)

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

- Major in History (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/history/med)

Minor

- History (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/history/minor)

Certificate

- Public History Studies (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/liberal-arts/history/public-studies-certificate)