



New Combined Degree Program Request

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Proposed Program: B.A./M.A. in History CIP: 54.0101 Effective Date (Term/Year): Fall / 2017 (e.g. Fall/2020)

Proposed Combined Program Information	Undergraduate	Graduate
Degree Level (e.g. B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., etc.)	B.A.	M.A.
Program Name (e.g. Physics, Engineering, etc.)	History	History
College	D.F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters	D.F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters
Department	History	History
Program Description (provide a brief description of the program, including thesis or non-thesis option)	<p>The B.A./M.A. in History combined degree program will enable outstanding students to graduate with both a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in History in as little as 5 years. The program is 150 credit hours (B.A./M.A. with thesis option) or 156 credit hours (B.A./M.A. without thesis option). Students complete 120 hours for the undergraduate degree and 30 hours (thesis option) or 36 hours (non-thesis option) for the graduate degree. Students complete the undergraduate degree first, taking no more than 12 credit hours of graduate coursework in their senior year, which will then be used to satisfy requirements for both degrees. Prospective students must formally apply to this program and meet all admission requirements.</p>	

Curriculum Requirements

GPA Requirements: Departments must establish a minimum undergraduate GPA for students to be admitted to a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation.*

3.25 GPA for the last 60 credit hours attempted

List courses to be shared: Up to twelve (12) credit hours of graduate courses (5000 level or above course work) may be shared between the graduate and undergraduate degree for a combined program. *Note: Please attach explanation:*

- Academic justification for shared credits and catalog language
- List the undergraduate course that will be replaced by graduate courses.

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Approved by	Date
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College Dean:	<u>3/2/2017</u>
College Curriculum Chair:	<u>2/3/17</u> <u>3/3/17</u>
UUPC Chair:	<u>3/6/17</u>
Undergraduate Studies Dean:	
UGPC Chair:	<u>3-29-2017</u>

Graduate College Dean: <i>Arthur Hoyle</i>	<i>3-29-17</i>
UFS President: _____	_____
Provost: _____	_____

Email this form and supporting documents to mjenning@fau.edu seven (7) business days before the UUPC meeting.

Academic Justification

- The combined degree program preserves and enhances the quality of both degrees. The program provides a more rigorous curriculum for admitted students completing the B.A., as they will take graduate coursework in fulfillment of their degree requirements. Because only outstanding applicants will be admitted, the quality of the graduate program will not be compromised.
- The program is intended for academically talented and high achieving students. The GPA requirement for admission to the combined degree program (3.25 GPA) is higher than for the M.A. program (3.0 GPA).
- The program is pedagogically sound, as the degree requirements are not compromised in the combined degree program.
- All of the expected prerequisites for the graduate coursework will be honored.

Undergraduate Course Replacements

Undergraduate Courses:	Graduate Courses
12 credit hours of free elective credit (upper division)	HIS 5060: The Historical Experience (3 credit hours) and 9 credit hours of additional graduate coursework with the course prefix AMH, EUH, HIS, LAH, or WOH at the 5000- or 6000-level

Catalog Language

Combined Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts with Major in History

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Admission Requirements

1. Each applicant must be a declared History major at Florida Atlantic University, with 60-90 credit hours completed toward the B.A. degree, including HIS 3150: Historical Methods, and HIS 4935: Senior Seminar.
2. Applicants must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average (GPA) for the last 60 undergraduate credit hours attempted

3. Applicants should have a minimum score of 155 on the verbal and a 4.0 on the analytical sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). If the applicant has a GPA well over the 3.25 minimum, the department may consider the quantitative section for purposes of meeting the GRE criterion.
4. Applicants must demonstrate competency in at least one foreign language. To do so, applicants must complete one of the following two options:
 - a. Passing one semester at the intermediate level (2220) of a foreign language at FAU or the equivalent at another university as determined by the History Department's Graduate Committee.
 - b. Passing an equivalency exam at the 2220 level.
5. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation, written by tenured or tenure-earning members of the Department of History.
6. Applicants must provide a writing sample as part of their application. This should be a term paper or lengthy essay.
7. Applicants must provide a two-to-three-page typed, double-spaced autobiographical statement indicating the nature of their preparation for graduate work and the reasons for seeking the combined B.A./M.A. degree in History.
8. Prospective applicants for the combined B.A./M.A. degree in History are encouraged to schedule an interview with the department's Director of Graduate Studies.
9. The application deadline is October 15 for Spring admission, and June 1 for Fall admission.

Undergraduate Course Replacements

In their senior year, students admitted to the combined degree program may take up to twelve credit hours of graduate coursework, which will then be used to satisfy requirements for both degrees. This will be accomplished by substituting twelve credit hours of free elective credit at the upper division (3000- 4000-level) with HIS 5060: The Historical Experience, and nine hours of additional graduate coursework with the course prefix AMH, EUH, HIS, LAH, or WOH at the 5000- or 6000-level.

Degree Requirements

To be eligible for the combined B.A./M.A. degree in History, students must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Completion of all requirements for the B.A. in History major, in addition to other requirements as stipulated by the University and the College.
2. Completion of all requirements for the M.A. in History major, on either the thesis or non-thesis option.