GLOBAL HISTORY (M.A.)

Understand the human experience through new, transnational approaches

The human drama has been enacted upon a grand stage for thousands of years, but the story of the world’s peoples and cultures has only recently come to be understood in a global perspective.

Dramatic changes in transportation and communications technology have contributed to the emergence of a “globalized” society. Historians are now beginning to re-examine fundamental aspects of the human experience explicitly from the perspective of movement and exchange.

Program Highlights

• Pursue original research in fields related to your global interests
• Engage in interdisciplinary coursework that draws upon the strengths of other Fordham departments and programs
• Take advantage of small classes taught by our world-renowned faculty
• Reap the benefits of studying in New York, offering additional research opportunities from a wide range of local universities, museums, and libraries

Program Basics

• Attend full-time courses, offered during the day and evening, at our Rose Hill Campus in the Bronx, NY
• Take a minimum of three global history elective courses in addition to a course on “theories and methods” for historians
• Conduct a unique “special project” as an alternative to a final research paper

Intellectual and Professional Advancement

If you are interested in pursuing further study, this program allows you to take unique advantage of our world-renowned faculty to identify research projects that would make you an extremely competitive candidate for admission to the country’s top Ph.D. programs in History.

Further, this program will also enhance your credentials and training for teaching in the New York State high school Social Studies curriculum; or prepare you for careers in fields related to global business, public policy, development, and humanitarian organizations.

Admissions

Completed applications for the M.A. in Global History will include each of the following items:

Resume
Up to two pages in length (submit via the online application)

Official transcripts
Official degree transcripts confirming prior degree conferral should be ordered at least one month prior to the application deadline. Please ensure that they are sent directly to the Office of Admissions (fuga@fordham.edu) via secure electronic delivery. If electronic delivery is not available, please request that your transcripts be submitted directly via post, in a sealed envelope, to: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Office of Admissions, Fordham University, 441 E. Fordham Rd., Bronx, NY 10458. Please note: you may upload unofficial copies of your transcripts to your application while the Office of Admissions awaits receipt of your official transcripts.

Official GRE scores (should be sent directly by the testing service to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Fordham University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Code #2259)

Statement of intent (should not exceed 500 words, submitted via the online application)

Writing Sample (10 - 20 pages in length, submitted via the online application)

Three letters of recommendation (submitted directly by referees via the online application).

English Proficiency

International applicants whose native language is not English are required to complete and submit to GSAS prior to matriculation their official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). GSAS will also consider a student’s International English Language Testing System (IELTS)—Cambridge English Proficiency Level language testing results.

Official TOEFL or IELTS scores should be sent directly by the testing service to the Office of Graduate Admissions, Fordham University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences – Code # 2259. Please consult the English Proficiency web page for additional information.

Application Deadlines

For information, see the web site information with application Deadlines.

Contact fuga@fordham.edu with any admission-related questions.

Requirements

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1 Global History courses are any graduate-level History class (HIST 5000+) with the appropriate attribute for Global History. A list of classes that fulfill this requirement may be obtained from the department.

2 General History courses are any graduate-level History class, or a class with the code HIST 5000+. A list of these courses can be found on our department page.

3 The independent study is a research project conducted in lieu of a thesis paper.

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