HISTORY

Admissions

The History Department welcomes applications for its graduate programs at the M.A. and Ph.D. level. Applicants for the Ph.D. must have an M.A. at Fordham or another institution. Our department also welcomes students from the New York doctoral consortium and will also accept applications from those who wish to take individual courses as non-matriculated students.

M.A. in History

We welcome full- and part-time students to apply.

Admission requirements for the M.A.

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university (unless applying to the Accelerated M.A. Program)
- Six courses in history in undergraduate program
- GPA of at least 3.0 (B)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- For foreign students, English proficiency exams such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- A writing sample of 7-12 pages
- Three letters of recommendation which speak to the candidate's suitability for graduate study (most often from former professors)
- Official transcripts of school records

Accelerated M.A.

We also offer an early admissions M.A. program for outstanding undergraduate history students at Fordham whose grade point averages meet or exceed 3.2. Students submit their applications in the spring of their junior year and enter the program in the senior year, when they take three graduate courses. These courses count toward the B.A. and are accepted for the M.A. at Fordham.

With credit for the three courses, students are able to complete a history M.A. in their fifth year of schooling. Students from Rose Hill, Lincoln Center, and Professional and Continuing Studies are eligible to opt for early admissions into the M.A. program, though all courses are given at the Rose Hill campus.

Ph.D. in History

We also strongly recommend that you contact a faculty member in your field director via email, letter, or phone. A list of faculty in the History Department is available online. All non-matriculated students who are interested in taking classes should fill out an application form.

Admission Requirements for the Ph.D.

- Master's degree in history from an accredited college or university
- Official transcript of school records
- GPA of at least 3.5 (B+)
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- For foreign students, English proficiency exams such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
- A writing sample of 7-12 pages
- Three letters of recommendation

Graduate Funding and Prizes

Graduate students have several options for funding, both from internal and external sources, as well as student loans.

The Loomie Prize is awarded annually to the student with the best seminar paper produced during the previous academic year. This award comes with a cash prize and certificate.