HISTORY

Our graduate program is personalized and student-oriented, with small classes taught by our world-renowned faculty. Because of our selective admissions, we attentively mentor the graduate students we admit, guiding them to research rigorously, and to write and speak about history dynamically.

Benefiting from our small classes and intensive one-on-one training, our students produce scholarship of the highest quality using a wide array of sources and techniques. This translates to our extremely competitive job market placement for Ph.D. students and continued success both within and outside of the academy for M.A. students.

Our department offers two degrees: an M.A. and a Ph.D., with concentrations in medieval history and modern history. While students most often specialize in topics relating to Europe and the Americas, the department regularly offers courses on transnational and global themes. The range of possibilities is further broadened by Fordham's many interdisciplinary programs, which foster productive discussion across fields.

We take great pride in our students' development. As a member of our department, you will have the opportunity to:

Learn the skills of the historian

Our graduate program develops your skills in critical analysis, archival research, and persuasive writing. Because of the large size and diversity of our faculty, you will have the opportunity to study a broad selection of historical periods, topics, and methodologies alongside experts in the field.

Become an exemplary teacher

Our department emphasizes the importance of pedagogy. If enrolled in our Ph.D. program, you will receive one-on-one training from a faculty member to prepare you for teaching undergraduate courses. Subsequently, you will gain invaluable experience teaching your courses.

Education for the whole person

Our Fordham community emphasizes the significance of the Jesuit principle of *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person. With seminars of an average of nine students, we provide intimate classroom experiences to ensure you receive personal attention from your professors and hone your unique skills.

Develop a practical skill set

A Fordham graduate degree in history also offers you a transferable set of skills for work outside of the academy. Our faculty have experience in such historical activities as textual editing, oral history, and archival description, and they are eager to assist you in developing a range of professional skills, such as college and high-school teaching, documentary editing, and journalism.

Study in New York City

At Fordham, you reap the innumerable benefits of studying in New York, one of America's most exciting cities and a global cultural and financial capital: living in a vibrant and culturally diverse atmosphere; exploring an urban landscape that is, in itself, historical; and researching in a wide range of local universities, museums, and libraries. Few areas around the globe rival New York in the educational—and recreational—opportunities it can provide you.

For more information

For more information about Graduate-level History, please visit our page on the Fordham website.