



ONLINE MASTER OF ARTS – HISTORY

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FAQs

How do I apply? What are the application deadlines? What are the course schedules? Most information is available on the program website: <https://online.ewu.edu/degrees/education/master-arts-history/>

Contact Us

- **Who do I contact with questions about applying, registration, etc.** Contact the Program Coordinator, Ella Kerr, based on the EWU campus. She can be reached by email at: ekerr@ewu.edu She regularly holds Zoom office hours.
- **Who are the instructors in the program? How do I speak with them directly?** See the program website for the faculty in the program: <https://online.ewu.edu/degrees/education/master-arts-history/> All professors hold Zoom office hours while class is in session. These schedules and Zoom links change often, so contact the Program Coordinator to inquire about their Zoom availability.
- **Who is the Graduate Advisor?** The Graduate Advisor is Dr. Larry Cebula. Contact him if you have questions of an academic or professional nature. The Grad Advisor holds Zoom hours for advising and can also be reached by email: lcebula@ewu.edu

The Accelerated structure – What is it?

Courses are taught in 6-week sessions meaning that, yes, they are accelerated, and faculty members condense a full 10 weeks of material into the abbreviated session. However, most courses are reading courses that **do not** require full length research papers. There are two research-based courses in the program (HIST 512 and HIST 532) that devote the entire session to developing research skills but in general, your papers will be short and of the expository (not research) type.

What is an Online Program? What is Asynchronous?

This program is fully online and fully asynchronous, meaning, all your assignments – and your entire experience – for that matter, will be conducted online and according to your own schedule. There will be deadlines to meet, certainly, but you will never be required to attend a live class – neither in person or online – nor will you be required to complete an exam at a single, defined time.

The Workload – What is it? You should expect to devote 15-20 hours per week to complete the workload in each class you are enrolled in. Students are advised to take just one class per session, or at least in the beginning to acclimate themselves to the rigors of this accelerated program.

Registration

- **Registration link:** [Registration FAQ – Records and Registration \(ewu.edu\)](#)
- **History MA Course Schedule link:** [Schedule History MA 2023-2025 .xlsx](#)
- **Academic Calendar access:** [Online Accelerated Academic Calendar – Records and Registration \(ewu.edu\)](#)
- **Important dates and deadlines:**

Term	Program Start Date	Application Deadline	Registration Deadline	Tuition Deadline
Winter I	1/2/24	12/19/23	12/27/23	12/31/23
Winter II	2/12/24	1/29/24	2/7/24	2/10/24
Spring I	4/1/24	3/18/24	3/27/24	3/30/24
Spring II	5/13/24	4/29/24	5/8/24	5/11/24
Summer	7/8/24	6/24/24	7/2/24	7/6/24

Degree Works Plan

- Degree Works Planner allows you and your Professional Advisor/Faculty Mentor to plan your courses for the upcoming term and beyond, as well as estimate how many terms it would take to graduate. <https://inside.ewu.edu/studentadvising/degree-works-plans/>

The Courses

- **What is offered?** There are nine courses in the program, and you must take them all. There is no ability to choose a regional or thematic specialization. This program is for generalists, and it sprinkles a taste of US, World, European, and Latin American history with a methodology and public history course. It is not a formal Public History MA program, nor is it a program in Archives or Library Sciences.
- **What order to take them?** You may register for courses in any order you wish, bearing in mind that you should take HIST 501 as soon as possible, and HIST 603 at the end of your program. You must **successfully** complete at least six courses (30 credits) including 501, 512 and 532 before you can register for HIST 603 – Portfolio and Professional Development – which is offered every other session. **It is not recommended to take both research courses (HIST 512 and HIST 532) during the same session*
- **How many do I take at a time?** You can register for 4 or more courses per quarter (20+ credits) if you wish, but it is not recommended. This requires a credit override by Records and Registration as graduate students are capped at 18 credits/quarter. Contact the Program Coordinator for override.
- **Full Time Status** – Students are considered Full Time when registered for at least 8 credits per quarter. The Online program divides a quarter into two sessions, I and II, so you are full time if you register for 2 or more 5-credit courses, in any combination.
- **Course Substitutions and Transfers** – University policy allows you to transfer no more than twelve graduate credits, meaning, no more than two approved graduate-level courses that you will substitute for courses in our program. Credits earned at the Undergraduate level are not transferable. If you

believe you have 1 or 2 courses that equate to courses in our program, fill out the Graduate Transfer Credit Eligibility [form link](#) to see if your credits will transfer to your Graduate Program at EWU. This form is for current Graduate students only. The form will be reviewed by the graduate committee for possible substitutions for courses in the program. *Note, however, that EWU awards a transfer course only 4.5 credits, not five, meaning that students with transferred courses may be required to make up for missing credits by enrolling in a 1-credit independent study at the conclusion of their program. Contact the Program Coordinator if this is your situation.

- **Course Readings – What are they? How do I know what to get?** A course's reading list is easiest to obtain in advance by directly emailing the instructor. Most courses have their reading list published on the Eagle Store website: <https://ewu.verbacompare.com/>. Note that sometimes courses do not have hard copy books, per se, but pdfs of assigned articles and/or other digital materials, e.g., open-source websites.

The Duration of Program – How long does it last?

- The Online History MA program may be completed in as few as 8 months, or three quarters, but absent entering the program with 1-2 course transfers, few finish in that amount of time. The program requires nine courses, so one could complete 2-4 courses per quarter and comfortably complete the 9-course cycle in three quarters.
- Students may register or not register for courses at their leisure. You will not be dropped from the program for not enrolling in courses during a given quarter. Note, however, that Graduate Programs policy allows an active student six years to complete their program from their initial enrollment. Credits accrued more than six years before a student's completion may expire and may require the student to petition Graduate Programs to maintain their validity. Contact the Program Coordinator if this is your situation.

Grades

- **Grading Scale**

EWU faculty have the freedom to establish their own reasonable grading policies, which will be clearly explained in their syllabi. There is a recommended grading scale, see below:

A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	0.7
F	59-0	0.0

- **What is the policy on grades and academic probation?** Per the graduate policy <https://inside.ewu.edu/policies/knowledge-base/ap-303-22-graduate-students/> program requirements shall **not** be satisfied with any course credit in which a C is earned. Any course with a

grade below C+ MUST be retaken. Two courses in a student's degree program may be below a B- if overall GPA stays at 3.0 or above. Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA to graduate. Students who fall below a cumulative 3.0 GPA will be placed on probation. Students with questions about their academic status should contact the EWU Records and Registration Office:

<https://inside.ewu.edu/records-and-registration/>

- **Auditing your Progress – How do I know how I am doing?** Students can audit their degree, i.e., check where they are in terms of credits, GPA, graduation status, etc., using the **Degree Works** program: <https://inside.ewu.edu/records-and-registration/soar-update/>

Graduation

What is the final step? Check your degree audit with [Degree Works](#) to ensure you are on track to complete all necessary courses. You can apply for graduation any time after completion of 15 credits. Just follow Steps to Graduation link <https://www.ewu.edu/grad/steps-to-graduation/> Note skip step 3 - Prepare Your Defense Select the quarter in which your final session will occur. (Example: if final session is Spring I, then select Spring Quarter)

What about my diploma or transcript? You will obtain a diploma just like any other undergraduate or graduate student. *Note that there will be NO indication that this is an online program.

- **I completed all the courses! When do I graduate?** Once you have completed all 9 courses (and you have applied to graduate) your degree will be awarded at the end of the quarter your last session was completed. This process takes about four weeks and then your diploma will be sent to the address you put on your graduation application. You can check the status of your degree in [Degree Works](#)
- **Can I participate in graduation?** All graduates are invited to participate in the spring commencement ceremony, regardless of when they finish. This requires you to work with Grad Programs to meet certain deadlines (e.g., including your name and major in the commencement program). There is no online ceremony, and there is typically not a virtual option. You may sign up directly for graduation here: <https://inside.ewu.edu/commencement/>
- **What have our graduates have done with their degree?** We are still a new program, but our graduates have already applied their knowledge and their accrued graduate credits to benefit them in their chosen professions. Many are working middle or high school teachers, active military, and other related sectors. Some aspire to use their MA to teach at the community college level, but this, nor any online MA in history, is recommended for those wishing to pursue a PhD.

STUDENT SUPPORT:

Writers Center

- In-person sessions in JFK
- Written comments on student papers, which can be uploaded through our online scheduler.
- Video conferences through ZOOM. Sessions can be scheduled by individual students, or groups.
- Workshops. The WC will offer a full slate of our highly requested workshops, either in person or recordings of our most popular offerings (Orientations, Literature Reviews, Revision, Citation styles, Beginning the Research Paper, and several others) If you are interested contact (jbladek@ewu.edu, or writersctr@ewu.edu).
- Special Workshops: In-person or zoom on request or make a recording or tailored workshops.

- Writers' Center Fellows are students working on longer assignments who hold regular sessions with the same Responder throughout the quarter or even the full year, from beginning outlining to final drafts. All students are welcome to sign up.

Student Financial Services Office

All Financial Aid questions/concerns need to be directed to the Student Financial Services office: [Student Financial Services \(ewu.edu\)](http://ewu.edu)

- They will assist with making payments for tuition, refunding excess financial aid, setting up direct deposits, and answering billing questions. They also help with third party reimbursements and guaranteed tuition plans.