Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, has an innovative, collaborative history program that offers Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees. These programs pool the faculty and courses of five universities to give students opportunities for directed research and study in a truly comparative and transnational environment.

Students will study abroad at one of our partner institutions: University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland; the Friedrich-Schiller University of Jena, Germany; Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands; and the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Mexico.

**Settings**

CMU was founded in 1892 and today is a multifaceted university classified as a Doctoral Research institution. CMU is also the home of The Michigan Historical Review, which specializes in the area of Great Lakes history. Mount Pleasant is within driving distance of Michigan's diverse cultural and natural attractions, including major urban areas, scenic national forests, and prime Great Lakes shorelines.

**Degree Requirements**

American students in the Joint M.A./Ph.D. program are required to complete a year of study at CMU, with at least 18 hours of graduate credit courses. Students must spend their second academic year attending one of the partner institutions and complete the equivalent of 18 hours of course work, which also includes research.

The Joint Master of Arts program serves as the main course work phase for students interested in completing the Ph.D. program. Students must include a comparative transnational component in their doctoral dissertations. For a complete description of degree requirements, see the current CMU Graduate Bulletin.

**Curriculum**

While the master’s program curriculum centers on traditional fields of historical concentration. It is international in emphasis. It requires course work and research that are transnational and comparative.

Ph.D. candidates are required to select two major fields or one major and two minor fields. Major fields are United States, The British Isles, Modern Continental Europe, Early Modern Europe, and Atlantic World. Minor fields include Ancient Near East and Mediterranean, Medieval Europe, Early Modern Europe, Latin America, East Asia, India, and topical fields such as ethnicity/race, historical theory, or women's history.

**Research Facilities**

CMU has several fine research facilities, including the newly expanded Park Library and the Clarke Historical Library, and is near several others, including the Library of Michigan in Lansing and the libraries of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Our partner institutions have and are near several excellent facilities, including the multimillion volume Mitchell Library in Glasgow, The Netherlands National Library, The Hague, and the Duchess Anna Amelia Library, Weimar, Germany and many others.

**Partner Institutions**

**Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla**, Mexico was founded in 1587. Today the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla has an enrollment of just over 65,000 students. It is one of the leading public universities in Mexico and the foremost research and teaching center south of Mexico City.

**The University of Strathclyde** is Scotland’s third largest university - with over 25,000 students - and one of the leading research universities in the United Kingdom. Strathclyde boasts a Department of History noted for its academic excellence in the fields of modern Scottish history, British history, and European history, as well as specialties in labor and industrial relations history, oral history, and the social history of health and health care. The university also works with other regional universities including Glasgow, Stirling, Edinburgh, Dundee, and Glasgow Caledonian University to provide access to an extensive range of research and training courses.
Partner Institutions (continued)

The Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany, was founded as an academic institution in 1548 by Prince Elector Johann Friedrich the Magnanimous of Saxony. Jena first reached university status in 1557 and today continues to be one of Germany’s most distinguished universities with about 20,000 students and more than 2,000 lecturers and researchers. Today the university continues to build its name in many areas and features a history department boasting world famous scholars in several fields, ranging from ancient history and intellectual history in the early modern era to the tragic experiences suffered under the Third Reich and Communist eras.

Erasmus University Rotterdam is well known today both for its expertise in subjects such as business, medicine, media studies, and law and criminology, and for its faculties of history, philosophy, and the arts and social sciences generally. Established originally in 1913, the university has grown over the years to number today more than 16,000 students, about 2,000 of which are from international backgrounds. In its history faculty, as in many of its other faculties, the university has several world renowned scholars in a wide range of fields. In particular, the department concentrates on the cultural, social, and intellectual history of both industrial and pre-industrial societies located in Western Europe and North America as well as in the rest of the world.

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Financial Support

Financial assistance packages are offered on a competitive basis. To be considered, students must file completed applications both to the CMU History Department and CMU College of Graduate Studies by January 3rd for the following academic year.

Admission

Admission is competitive. Each student entering the Joint M.A. program at CMU must have completed 20 or more hours of history courses with a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher, and hold an undergraduate degree from a recognized university. The Graduate Record Examination is required.

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