

Accelerated Master of Arts in History Program Scheduling Tips

As a student in the History Accelerated Master's Degree Program you will take graduate-level courses while still an undergraduate. You can count those credits toward your Bachelor's degree and then count them again toward your Master's. Pay for the credits once—at the undergraduate tuition rate—and then count them twice! This program offers you a way to complete your M.A. in less time and save thousands of dollars while doing so.

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Freshman and Sophomore Year

As you schedule your classes this year and next, save room for at least three history electives. You will need these electives for the graduate courses you will take in your junior and senior years. And be sure to keep your grades up. You must have at least a 3.0 GPA to be admitted into the program.



End of Sophomore Year

Meet with the Director of History Graduate Studies to begin the application process. At that meeting, you will choose the courses you want to count for the MA, fill out the Accelerated Masters Acknowledgement and Approval Form and submit it to the History Office. Don't forget to apply online to graduate-level programs and pay the application fee. All these steps (meeting, form and online application) must be completed before the semester you begin double counting credits.

Junior and Senior Year

Once admitted into the Accelerated M.A. Program, you can begin taking the courses listed on your Accelerated Masters Acknowledgement and Approval Form. You will need to earn a B or better in each of these courses to remain in the program. Make sure to inform the instructor of each of your graduate courses that you are doing the graduate version of the course. And, finally, HST 696 replaces HST 496 for students in the History Accelerated M.A. During the registration period prior to the semester when you will take HST 696, let the History Office know which section you want.



After Graduating with Bachelor's Degree

How you complete the remaining credits for your Master's degree is up to you. Going into education? CMU's six-week History Summer Intensive allows you to focus on teaching during the academic year and still complete the M.A. in as little as two summers. Considering a Ph.D.? Make yourself as competitive as possible by taking courses during the regular academic year and then choosing the thesis option. Interested in developing the cultural competency skills highly valued by so many careers in our globalizing world? Or perhaps you need to develop the language skills required by doctoral programs in several of the humanities and social sciences fields. With the Semester Abroad Track you can study history at a world-class European university, while strengthening your French or German.

