

# MASTER OF ARTS, HISTORY



Earn your M.A. in History from San José State University  
Join one of Silicon Valley's premier History M.A. programs



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Earn a Master's Degree in History at San José State University, the oldest public university in the West.
- Take stimulating graduate-level classes with a diverse cohort of students taught by Ph.D. historians who are experts in their fields.



"I was able to develop my skills in reading, writing, and analysis, develop relationships with San José State University History Professors, and friendships with other graduate students. As a result of San Jose State's wonderful master's program, I feel as if I continue to grow as an academic and an instructor. After graduating, my contacts from the program guided me to an interview at Gavilan College, where I am now an adjunct lecturer.

-Barbara Perry-Perez (far right), M.A. 2018, Teacher, Gilroy High School and Adjunct Lecturer, Gavilan College.

## WHY HISTORY AT SJSU?

- Earn a degree that offers maximum flexibility in today's job market-- you can do anything with a History degree.
- Develop your research, writing, and critical thinking skills.
- The SJSU History Department has been training California teachers for over 150 years. Many of our MA graduates teach at local middle schools, high schools, and community colleges or have continued on to Ph.D. programs.
- Local teachers can dive deeper into History, learn the latest trends in History-specific education and content, and refine their teaching skills.

All History graduate courses are offered at night. Our content-focused History MA is designed to be compatible with the schedules of teachers and working professionals.

We offer three broad programs of study: US History (focus on the early period up to 1865 or the later period 1865 to present), Modern European History, or World History (with regional focus).

## PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- B.A. in History or related fields
- 2.75 minimum GPA



## COURSEWORK

- Most graduate courses in History provide 4 units of University credit.
- Professional Development course to be completed during the first semester
- European History Primary Field
  - HIST 209 and HIST 211
- United States History Primary Field
  - HIST 210 series
- World History Primary Field
  - HIST 220 series
- Research seminars on a range of topics and time periods
- Additional Graduate or Upper Division Courses/electives
- Total Units: 30



"The program has allowed me to continue my education, deepen my knowledge, and sharpen my skills as a historian. What is special to me about being in the MA program is how supported I feel by my fellow students and faculty. As a first-generation college student, navigating grad school can be overwhelming or confusing. However, whenever I have a question or a concern, I know I can go to someone for help! Classes are generally small, so you get the opportunity to get to know your professors and other students. I also really appreciate the opportunities that being in the MA program has opened for me,"

-Elena Castañeda, current History M.A. student, student assistant, SJSU Special Collections & Archives, King Library

## Curious to learn more? Contact Us!

For information about the History MA program at SJSU, contact the History graduate advisor Dr. Libra Hilde at [libra.hilde@sjsu.edu](mailto:libra.hilde@sjsu.edu).

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