M.A. in History With an Emphasis in Public History

History is the research, interpretation and presentation of the past.
Public history at SFA connects history-minded individuals and groups of the East Texas community with the university’s faculty and students.
Together we have completed numerous oral history, restoration, historic marker, National Register, tour, publication and conference projects.

www.sfasu.edu/publichistory

Explore Public History
Discover the context and significance of local and regional historic events, sites and individuals. Present the past to the public and explain its relevance to the 21st century while preserving the integrity of our historic resources.

Careers in Public History
- publishers and manuscript collections
- government agencies and policy advisors
- historic associations, societies and activists
- independent consultants and law firms
- museums, archives and repositories
- K-12 schools
- Main Street and heritage tourism
- private corporations and media companies
The Graduate Program Is Now Accepting Applications

In addition to the traditional course of study, the program features an emphasis in public history and prepares students for jobs in a variety of fields, such as archives, museums, historical organizations and historic preservation.

Master’s Programs

Each student may choose between thesis and non-thesis track. We also offer a master’s-level certificate program with the College of Education and a master’s degree in history and international commerce.

Thesis Concentrations

Students writing a thesis in history may concentrate in one of five areas:
- U.S. History to 1865
- U.S. History since 1865
- Europe and the World to 1815
- Europe and the World since 1815
- Public History

Assistantships and Financial Aid

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available, as well as scholarships and financial aid. Many SFA scholarships are offered only to graduate students, and you may qualify. Contact the graduate adviser for more information on assistantships, and log on to www.sfasu.edu/aid to search scholarships and browse financial aid information.

Explore Resources

Nacogdoches, the oldest town in Texas, and the SFA campus offer numerous historically significant landmarks and resources to discover as you work toward your master’s degree. Some of these include:
- East Texas Research Center
- Stone Fort Museum
- Millard’s Crossing
- Sterne-Hoya House
- Durst-Taylor House
- Old Depot Museum
- East Texas Historical Association
- Center for East Texas Studies
- Center for Regional Heritage Research

Acquire a History Minor

Students majoring outside the Department of History may choose to minor in history. A minor consists of nine hours in history courses approved by the graduate program adviser.

Meet Your Mentors

The faculty in the history department have expertise in areas ranging from ancient to modern times. You’ll learn from award-winning authors and researchers who genuinely care about you and your success.

Professors’ Areas of Specialty

- Dr. Robert Allen: France and Early Modern Europe
- Dr. Mark Barringer: American West and Environmental History
- Dr. Perry Beisel: Public History and Gilded Age
- Dr. Philip Catton: U.S. Vietnam Relations
- Dr. Dana Cooper: Women and Transatlantic History
- Dr. Court Carney: African American, Cultural and Modern U.S.
- Dr. Randi Cox: Russian, Social and Cultural History
- Dr. John Daimus: Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance and Reformation
- Dr. Troy Davis: Ireland and Modern Europe
- Dr. Jere Jackson: Germany and Local History
- Dr. Andrew Lannen: Colonial and Revolutionary America
- Dr. Deanne Malpass: Bosnia
- Dr. Archie McDonald: Iran and Civil War
- Dr. Paul Sandul: Public History and Urban/Suburban History
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