

**DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

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**DOCTOR of PHILOSOPHY**

D505

**MAJOR:** History

Program effective **Summer 2024**

Students must demonstrate a reading competency in at least one language other than English, as determined by the student’s major professor and advisory committee. Competency may be demonstrated through successful completion of undergraduate language courses or reading examinations or by other methods as approved by the graduate liaison.

**COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS**

- Elective credits and/or master’s credits from an accredited university .....30 hours  
26-36 credit hours may be accepted with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee.
- HIST 5001 Navigating the History Profession ..... 1 hour
- Three courses (3 hours each) in Specialized Field .....9 hours
- Three courses (3 hours each) in Comparative Field.....9 hours
- Three courses (3 hours each) in General Area Field .....9 hours  
Six of the required nine courses above must be seminars (HIST 6200, 6300, 6400, 6700, 6800, and/or 6880—18 out of 27 credit hours).  
Of the six required seminar courses, a minimum of three (at least one in each of the three fields above) must be taken during the doctoral program. Others may be transferred from a completed OU MA degree. This transfer applies to only the PhD seminar requirement, and does not change the total number of credit hours required for the PhD. A maximum of 9 hours of graduate coursework can be substituted for the seminar requirement with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee.
- HIST 6050 Research Problems.....3 hours
- HIST 6980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation .....29 hours  
23-33 credit hours may be accepted with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee.
- TOTAL** ..... **90 hours**