

HISTORY, PHD

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Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) of the Graduate School as well as the program(s).** Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	This program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	This program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Not required.
English Proficiency Test	Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Requirements for Admission policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1241/).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

APPLICATION MATERIALS

To apply, applicants must submit or declare the following in the online application (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>):

History Supplemental Application

This section of the application asks applicants to provide information about research interests, declare preferred faculty advisors, and outline prior language preparation (if any).

Writing Sample

Provide a sample that best illustrates the quality of applicant's written work (optimally no more than 50 pages, double-spaced; maximum file size 6 MB).

Transcripts

Upload an unofficial copy of transcript from all institutions attended, showing any undergraduate and graduate degrees awarded. If recommended for admission, the Graduate School will ask for transcripts from each institution.

CV or Resumé

This should highlight an applicant's accomplishments and qualifications including academic honors or distinctions; professional, research, and/or teaching experience; and any publications.

Letters of Recommendation

Provide contact information for the three individuals who will furnish recommendations on an applicant's behalf (they will receive an upload link by email). Letter writers need not be historians, but they should be able to speak to an applicant's academic preparation to pursue historical studies at the graduate level.

Statement of Purpose

The Statement of Purpose (2-3 pages, double-spaced, pdf file format) explains an applicant's reasons for graduate study. It may be the hardest part of the application to write, but it is also the most important. While an applicant will likely include some autobiographical information, its primary purpose is to acquaint us with how an applicant's mind works. We want to know, for example, what kinds of intellectual problems and issues interest the applicant, whose stories intrigue them, what sorts of analytical or narrative approaches they'd like to pursue, which historical writings the applicant admires—and their reasons for these various preferences. Please help us understand the applicant's decision to enter the historical profession and how they see their own role in it. Applicants can feel free to explain how their background and life experiences, including cultural, geographical, financial, educational, or other opportunities or challenges have motivated their decision to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. There is no single right way to approach this part of the application, but we suggest that the applicant bears in mind the usual cautions for personal writing: speak straightforwardly, in their own voice, and write as well as they know how.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

All international applicants must also meet the English proficiency requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) set forth by the Graduate School.

For additional detail about the admissions process, please visit the Prospective Student (<https://history.wisc.edu/our-graduate-program/prospective-students/>) pages on our website.