

# HISTORY OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE AND TECHNOLOGY, MA

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	18 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	22 credits must be completed in graduate-level coursework in the HSMT graduate program. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> ).
Overall Graduate	3.00 (3.25 after 4th semester of full-time study).

GPA Requirement	
Other Grade Requirements	n/a
Assessments and Examinations	In order to receive the master's degree, students must pass the Second-Year Review (SYR). A passing review requires that students: complete a article-length research paper, fulfill one language requirement, clear all incompletes, fulfill any additional requirements for their specific field of study, submit a list of prelim fields along with a timeline for completing prelims, and receive a positive endorsement from the three faculty members on the review committee.
Language Requirements	Demonstrate, at a minimum, reading knowledge of at least one language other than English.

### REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core</b>		
HISTORY 701	History in a Global Perspective	1
HIST SCI 720	Proseminar: Historiography and Methods	3
HISTORY 800	Research Seminar in History (or an equivalent research seminar)	3

#### Six Distribution Areas

Students must complete coursework in each of the following distribution areas. Courses may count towards more than one distribution area.

##### Temporal

1. Pre 1800
2. 1800 to the Present

##### Topical

3. Science/Technology
4. Medicine/Public Health

##### Geographic

5. Global/Non-Western
6. Euro-American

List of all HIST SCI courses ([https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/hist\\_sci/](https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/hist_sci/))

#### Electives

Work with your advisors to complete additional elective credits in courses numbered greater than 700.

**Total Credits** 30

### Distribution Area Courses

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Temporal Distribution Areas</b>		
<i>1. Pre 1800</i>		
HIST SCI/ HISTORY 323 & HIST SCI 623	The Scientific Revolution: From Copernicus to Newton and Studies in Early Modern Science	4
HIST SCI/ S&A PHM 401	History of Pharmacy	2
HIST SCI 903	Seminar: Medieval, Renaissance, and 17th Century Science (Early Modern Translation)	3

HIST SCI 911	Seminar-Eighteenth Century Science (Early Modern Translation)	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 919	Graduate Studies in Medical History (Flesh and Metal: A History of Bodies, Race, Labor, and Capital)	3
<b>2. 1800 to the Present</b>		
HIST SCI 404	A History of Disease	3-4
HIST SCI/HISTORY/ MED HIST 508	Health, Disease and Healing II	3-4
HIST SCI/ AFROAMER/ MED HIST 523	Race, American Medicine and Public Health	3
HIST SCI/GEN&WS/ MED HIST 531	Women and Health in American History	3
HIST SCI/GEN&WS/ MED HIST 532	The History of the (American) Body	3
HIST SCI/HISTORY/ MED HIST 564	Disease, Medicine and Public Health in the History of Latin America and the Caribbean	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 509	The Development of Public Health in America	3
MED HIST/HIST SCI/ POP HLTH 553 & MED HIST 753	International Health and Global Society and International Health and Global Society	4
HIST SCI 555	Undergraduate Seminar in History of Science (Digital Capitalism)	3
PHARMACY 563	Drug History: Dangerous Drugs and Magic Bullets	2
PHARMACY 564	Psychedelic History: Sacred Plants, Science & Psychotherapy	3
HIST SCI 907	Seminar: History of Technology (Technology, Power, and Democracy)	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 919	Graduate Studies in Medical History (Life and Death in American History)	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 919	Graduate Studies in Medical History (Foucault for Historians)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science from the South)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science and Empire)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science, Race and Nature)	3
<b>Topical Distribution Areas</b>		
<b>3. Science/Technology</b>		
HIST SCI/ HISTORY 323 & HIST SCI 623	The Scientific Revolution: From Copernicus to Newton and Studies in Early Modern Science	4
HIST SCI 555	Undergraduate Seminar in History of Science	3
PHARMACY 564	Psychedelic History: Sacred Plants, Science & Psychotherapy	3
HIST SCI 903	Seminar: Medieval, Renaissance, and 17th Century Science (Early Modern Translation)	3

HIST SCI 911	Seminar-Eighteenth Century Science (Early Modern Translation)	3
HIST SCI 907	Seminar: History of Technology (Technology, Power, and Democracy)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science and Empire)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science from the South)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science, Race, and Nature)	3
<b>4. Medicine/Public Health</b>		
HIST SCI/ S&A PHM 401	History of Pharmacy	2
HIST SCI 404	A History of Disease	3-4
HIST SCI/HISTORY/ MED HIST 508	Health, Disease and Healing II	3-4
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 509	The Development of Public Health in America	3
HIST SCI/ AFROAMER/ MED HIST 523	Race, American Medicine and Public Health	3
HIST SCI/GEN&WS/ MED HIST 531	Women and Health in American History	3
HIST SCI/GEN&WS/ MED HIST 532	The History of the (American) Body	3
MED HIST/HIST SCI/ POP HLTH 553 & MED HIST 753	International Health and Global Society and International Health and Global Society	4
PHARMACY 563	Drug History: Dangerous Drugs and Magic Bullets	2
HIST SCI/HISTORY/ MED HIST 564	Disease, Medicine and Public Health in the History of Latin America and the Caribbean	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 919	Graduate Studies in Medical History (Life and Death in American History)	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 919	Graduate Studies in Medical History (Flesh and Metal: A History of Bodies, Race, Labor, and Capital)	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 919	Graduate Studies in Medical History (Foucault for Historians)	3
<b>Geographic Distribution Areas</b>		
<b>5. Global/Non-Western</b>		
HIST SCI/ HISTORY 323 & HIST SCI 623	The Scientific Revolution: From Copernicus to Newton and Studies in Early Modern Science	4
HIST SCI/ S&A PHM 401	History of Pharmacy	2
MED HIST/HIST SCI/ POP HLTH 553 & MED HIST 753	International Health and Global Society and International Health and Global Society	4
HIST SCI/HISTORY/ MED HIST 564	Disease, Medicine and Public Health in the History of Latin America and the Caribbean	3

HIST SCI 903	Seminar: Medieval, Renaissance, and 17th Century Science (Early Modern Translation)	3
HIST SCI 911	Seminar-Eighteenth Century Science (Early Modern Translation)	3
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HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science from the South)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science and Empire)	3
HIST SCI 921	Seminar-Special Topics (Science, Race, and Nature)	3

#### 6. Euro-American

HIST SCI 404	A History of Disease	3-4
HIST SCI/HISTORY/ MED HIST 508	Health, Disease and Healing II	3-4
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 509	The Development of Public Health in America	3
HIST SCI/ AFROAMER/ MED HIST 523	Race, American Medicine and Public Health	3
HIST SCI/GEN&WS/ MED HIST 531	Women and Health in American History	3
HIST SCI/GEN&WS/ MED HIST 532	The History of the (American) Body	3
HIST SCI 555	Undergraduate Seminar in History of Science	3
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### History of Medicine Pathway<sup>1</sup>

This pathway within the MA degree program is intended for students with doctoral training in one of the health professions who wish to pursue a master's degree in the history of medicine.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
HIST SCI 720	Proseminar: Historiography and Methods	3
HIST SCI/HISTORY/ MED HIST 508	Health, Disease and Healing II	3-4
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 509	The Development of Public Health in America	3
STS 901	Science, Technology and Medicine in Society	3
<b>Additional History of Medicine coursework</b>		<b>6</b>

All Medical History Courses ([https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/med\\_hist/](https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/med_hist/))

**Additional History of Science coursework (numbered 300-600 or above)** **3**

All History of Science Courses ([https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/hist\\_sci/](https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/hist_sci/))

**Electives** **9**

**Total Credits** **30**

<sup>1</sup> These pathways are internal to the program and represent different pathways a student can follow to earn this degree. Pathways names do not appear in the Graduate School admissions application, and they will not appear on the transcript.