Admissions Requirements

- Online application (gradstudy.rutgers.edu/apply/overview)
- A transcript showing the completion of an undergraduate degree with a B average in your previous academic work with evidence of distinction in your work in history
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores (required of full-time students only)

Funding Opportunities
The Graduate School offers competitive funding opportunities in the form of fellowships, scholarships, and tuition remission awards. These awards are determined by the graduate department’s admissions committee and do not require an additional application.

Degree Requirements – American History
Requires the completion of 30 credits, including the Craft of History, Issues in Public History, the Colloquium in Comparative History, and 21 credits in American history colloquia, at least six of which must be research-focused colloquia. The two research courses are parts of year-long sequences in which a research colloquium comes directly after a readings colloquium on the same period or theme. Each year-long readings and research sequence will be taught by the same professor.

The program has five core chronological courses covering American/U.S. history: America 1607-1763, America/U.S. 1763-1820, U.S. 1820-1898, U.S. 1898-1945, U.S. 1945 to Present. Students in the American history track are required to take three of these five courses (though they are welcome to take more) as part of the required 21 credits of history colloquia.

Degree Requirements – American Legal History
Requires the completion of 30 credits, including the Craft of History, Issues in Public History, the Colloquium in Comparative History, nine credits in legal history courses (which may be taken in the School of Law), and 12 credits in American history colloquia. Students are required to write two research papers, one drawn from their legal history coursework and the second done in a year-long sequence in which a readings course is followed by a research seminar covering the same period or theme.

Degree Requirements – Public History
Requires the completion of 33 credits, including the Craft of History, Issues in Public History, the Colloquium in Comparative History, nine credits in public history electives, a three-credit public history internship, and 15 credits in American history colloquia, in which two courses must consist of a one-year readings colloquium connected to a research colloquium covering the same time period or theme. A second required research project will be completed within the public history coursework.

The master of arts program features offerings in three tracks: American history, public history, and legal history. A global history track will be added soon. The program is designed for those interested in building their historical understanding to augment skills in teaching or in public history institutions. Graduates frequently pursue careers in museums, archives, libraries, historical institutions, or editing and other positions in media and publication. The master’s program enhances writing and research skills that may be applied to many careers and is a good fit for those seeking to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the past. The program also provides exceptional preparation for those seeking to go on to a Ph.D. program.
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS – Oral Examination
The final requirement for all graduate students is a one-hour oral examination during which the student will respond to questions provided well in advance by a committee of three members of the history graduate faculty. The student is allowed to bring only a copy of the questions into the exam. If, for some reason, a student feels that he or she cannot take this final exam in the format as described, the student must consult with the director of the graduate program about possible alternative methods of examination no later than two weeks after the student is informed of the date set for the oral examination. (Oral exams are usually scheduled months in advance.)

FACULTY AND RESEARCH AREA

- Laurie Bernstein (Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley) associate professor; department chair | Russian and Soviet history, European women's history, Jewish history
- Richard Demirjian Jr. (Ph.D., University of Delaware) instructor | U.S. political and economic history
- Katherine Epstein (Ph.D., Ohio State University) assistant professor | military history, international relations, late 19th- and early 20th-century American history
- Wayne Glasker (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) associate professor | African American history, 20th-century U.S. history, Africa
- Janet Golden (Ph.D., Boston University) professor | medical history, women’s history, U.S. social history
- Andrew Lees (Ph.D., Harvard University) professor | modern European and American cultural history, urban history, modern Britain and Germany
- Kriste Lindenmeyer (Ph.D., University of Cincinnati) professor; dean, Faculty of Arts and Sciences | women and gender, childhood studies, U.S. social history
- Margaret Marsh (Ph.D., Rutgers University) University Professor | women and gender, American culture, gender and medicine
- Charlene Mires (Ph.D., Temple University) associate professor; director, Mid-Atlantic Regional Center for the Humanities | public history, material culture, urban history, 19th- and 20th-century U.S. history
- Susan Mokhberi (Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles) assistant professor | early modern Europe, early modern Middle East
- Wendell Pritchett (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, J.D., Yale Law School) professor; chancellor | urban history, modern American history
- Andrew Shankman (Ph.D., Princeton University) associate professor; director, graduate program | colonial British North America, revolutionary and early national U.S. history, early modern England
- Lorrin Reed Thomas (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) associate professor; co-director Latin American and Latino studies | Latin American history, U.S. immigration and urban history, world history
- Gerald Verbrugghe (Ph.D., Princeton University) associate professor | ancient history, archaeology
- Wendy Woloson (Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania) assistant professor | American popular culture, public history, U.S. economic history

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