

History

The study of history is critical to understanding the present and planning for the future. Students engage with communities in reinterpretations of shared pasts while developing critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills. By learning how to think – rather than what to think – history students develop analytic skills, historical literacy, and cultural awareness.



“All my professors have been successful in creating a welcoming and open classroom environment where people feel comfortable asking questions and participating in discussions.”

Niki Joshi, History and English

Analyze THE HUMAN PAST

UMKC is a public, urban university focused on student success, research and community service. The opportunities are endless.

AT HOME IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City is an ideal place for history students to learn, intern and get hired with its many museums, archives, historical sites, libraries and industries. Graduates are employed at the Internal Revenue Service, the Johnson County Museum, the Kansas Historical Society, the National Archives and Records Center, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Truman Medical Center, the Truman Presidential Museum and Library and more.



DEGREE OPTIONS

- » Bachelor of Arts, History (*online option available*)
- » Accelerated Bachelor of Arts-Master of Arts, History (Five-year program that students can apply to in Year 3)

MINOR OPTIONS

- » History (*online option available*)

GRADUATE LEVEL OPTION

- » Master of Arts, History
- » Master of Arts, History with a Public History Emphasis
- » Interdisciplinary Ph.D., History

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- » Archivist
- » Attorney
- » Author/writer
- » Business strategist
- » Communications coordinator
- » Educator
- » Executive director
- » Financial advisor
- » Historical society
- » Journalist
- » Library director
- » Marketing director
- » Museum curator
- » Nonprofit foundation
- » Professor
- » Project administrator
- » Political consultant
- » Public history
- » Public service

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The UMKC History Department has acclaimed scholars who teach students critical thinking, analytic skills, historical literacy, cultural awareness, and our professors help them apply classroom knowledge in practical settings.

- » Students may choose to focus on one of five interest areas: Antiquity and Medieval, Early Modern and Modern Europe, Latin America, Public History and United States. A history major also intersects perfectly with other departments and interdisciplinary programs on campus.
- » The Digital History Lab enables students to explore the intersections of historical research and new media by producing innovative public history, oral history and digital history along with community partners.
- » History graduates successfully pursue nationally recognized graduate and professional programs, including at

Brown University, Columbia University, Emory University, Princeton University and Yale University.

GET INVOLVED

- » UMKC History Club: student group that promotes history appreciation and offers activities to engage with fellow historians.
- » Phi Alpha Theta: UMKC chapter of the American honor society for undergraduate and graduate students and professors of history.
- » American Historical Association (AHA) Career Development Program: networking and development program for graduate students.
- » UMKC History Graduate Student Association: social and academic organization for graduate students.
- » UMKC HistoryMakers Internship Program: graduate student program offering paid and unpaid internships.

STUDY ABROAD

The UMKC Office of Study Abroad and Global Engagement offers hundreds of programs in more than 50 countries, including semester- and year-long options. The History Department has a long-standing summer study abroad program in Ireland as well. Learn more at umkc.edu/international.

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