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| <br><b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>  | <b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b><br><b>Graduate Programs</b>  |  | UGPC Approval _____<br>UFS Approval _____<br>Banner _____<br>Catalog _____ |
|  | <b>Department</b> History<br><br><b>College</b> Arts & Letters |  |  |
| <b>Program Name</b><br><br>Master of Arts in History   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program*</b><br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program*</b> | <b>Effective Date</b><br>(TERM & YEAR)<br><br>Fall 2023                    |
| <p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>The History Department has voted to drop the GRE as a requirement for admission to the graduate (MA) program. After reviewing the performance of students who have entered the program since the GRE was suspended because of the COVID pandemic, the department agreed that the exam has not added significantly to our ability to assess the potential of applicants' success within the MA program. Instead, it has proved an unnecessary burden to potential applicants.</p> <p>Please see attached revision of the admission requirements.</p> |  |  |  |
| <p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b><br><br>Evan Bennett, Interim Graduate Director<br>ebennett@fau.edu<br>561-297-0008  |  | <b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b>             |  |
| <b>Approved by</b>   |  | <b>Date</b>  |  |
| Department Chair    |  | 2/8/23   |  |
| College Curriculum Chair    |  | 2-13-22  |  |
| College Dean    |  | Mar 6, 2023  |  |
| UGPC Chair    |  | Mar 6, 2023  |  |
| UGC Chair   |  | Mar 7, 2023  |  |
| Graduate College Dean   |  | Mar 7, 2023  |  |
| UFS President _____  |  | _____  |  |
| Provost _____  |  | _____  |  |

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## MASTER'S PROGRAM

### Master of Arts with Major in History

#### Admission Requirements

The Master of Arts degree in History is designed to prepare graduates for doctoral work in history; for museum, preservation and public history work; for employment in education, government or industry; for admission to law school; to qualify instructors in history for community college teaching; and to enhance historical skills and content for secondary school social studies teachers.

1. Each applicant should have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution, preferably with an undergraduate major in history. Applicants without an undergraduate history major may be admitted on condition that appropriate undergraduate coursework in history be completed in addition to all requirements for the M.A. degree.
2. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA) for the last 60 undergraduate credits attempted.
3. ~~Applicants must earn a minimum score of 155 on the verbal and 4.0 on the analytical sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). If the applicant has a GPA well over the 3.0 minimum, the department may consider the quantitative section for purposes of meeting the GRE criterion.~~
4. Applicants must have two letters of recommendation sent directly to FAU via the online application portal.
5. Applicants must upload, as part of their online application, a writing sample. This should be a term paper or lengthy essay.
6. Applicants must upload, as part of their online application, a two-to-three-page typed, double-spaced autobiographical statement indicating the nature of their preparation for graduate work and the reasons for seeking the M.A. in history.
7. Prospective applicants for graduate work in history are encouraged to schedule an interview with the department's director of Graduate Studies.
8. Applicants who fail to meet the ~~GRE or~~ GPA requirements, and/or who lack a strong background in history, may be admitted on a conditional basis.