

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN™ COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES



Department of History & Philosophy  
Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in History



## Domestic Applicants

### I. Description of Degree

The Graduate Studies Program in history at UTPA offers a wide variety of graduate courses in U.S., Latin American, and European History. Graduate students in history develop an understanding and appreciation for historical perspectives and the evolution of historical thought. They develop skills in critical analysis and learn how to conduct original research using primary sources.

### II. Program Requirements

1. Online Application: The application to UTPA's graduate programs can be completed online at [www.utpa.edu/gradapply](http://www.utpa.edu/gradapply)
2. Application Fee: The University application fee of \$50 as can be paid online by credit card or electronic check (in the online application), or in the form of money order or check and sent to the Office of Payments and Collections. In the case of money order or check, the applicant is responsible for submitting a copy of the receipt to the Graduate Studies office for documentation. All application fees are non-refundable.
3. Official Transcripts\*: **Official college transcripts are to be sent to the Graduate Studies office directly from all the institutions attended.** If the applicant attended UTPA at any time, those official transcripts will be handled by the Graduate Studies office; however, the applicant is responsible for requesting official transcripts to be sent directly from all other institution(s).

\*Transcripts must be sealed and sent directly from the institution to be considered official. Transcripts will be considered unofficial if they are hand delivered by the applicant or third party regardless if sealed by the institution. Failure to submit a complete/correct application and official transcripts from all institutions attended will result in one of the following: rejection of application, withdrawal of admission offer or disciplinary action including expulsion if the student is enrolled. All submitted documents





become the property of UTPA and will not be returned. Admission documents will remain on file for one year if the applicant does not attend the University. Documents will be retained for seven years for students enrolled in a master's level program and for ten years for students enrolled in a doctoral program. Please review the [Student File Retention Schedule](#) for more details.

4. Applicants for admission must have completed, or must complete as leveling work, 24 hours of undergraduate history courses, half of which must be at the upper-division level
5. Three Letters of Recommendation from academic and/or professional sources (submitted online).
6. Personal Statement detailing reasons for pursuing the graduate degree and professional goals (submitted online).
7. A writing sample

### III. Deadlines

	Fall	Spring	Summer I	Summer II
Deadlines for Priority Registration	March 1	Oct. 1	Oct. 1	Oct. 1
Application Deadlines*	Aug. 1	Dec. 1	May 1	June 1

\*Applicants must submit all application documents and meet all other requirements by the published deadline date for the semester to which they are applying in order to be considered for admission. Note: Priority deadlines have been established that allow ample time for the application review to be completed before the first day of registration.

### IV. Offers of Admission to the Graduate School

Official admission offers will be made only by the Office of Graduate Studies and are valid only for the semester requested on the application. Through the [Online Application Web site](#), you will be able to view the status of your application. Students who are accepted but do not attend the semester requested on the application must submit an application for readmission to enroll for a later semester. An additional application fee will be charged if the student reapplies more than one year from the semester originally requested. [Re-Apply](#)

### V. Graduate Assistantship

Limited number of Assistantships is available. For more information please contact the program director.

### VI. Program Contact Information

Program Website: <http://www.panam.edu/dept/hist-phil/history/>





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## VII. Application Checklist

1.  Online application
2.  Application fee
3.  Official transcripts
4.  Undergraduate history coursework
5.  Three letters of recommendation
6.  Statement of Purpose
7.  Writing sample

