

HISTORY

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Department Description:

History is an essential component of a liberal arts education. UMKC's History program goes far beyond mere memorization of names of dates; it is a discipline that cultivates critical thinking rather than prescribing a set of beliefs. Our distinguished faculty are dedicated to fostering students analytical skills, historical literacy, and cultural awareness. Studying history will enrich students professional prospects and instill an ethic of responsible citizenship on both a national and a global scale. The Department of History offers distinctive research, experiential learning opportunities, internships, and other valuable learning experiences that position students for success in future careers.

Aligned seamlessly with various interdisciplinary programs on campus, such as Race, Ethnic, and Gender Studies, Classical and Ancients Studies, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Digital and Public Humanities, Classical, Medieval, and Early Modern Literature, German Studies, Historic Preservation, Law, and Political Science (to name only a few) our History major at UMKC offers a versatile educational experience. This dynamic approach to historical studies ensures that our graduates are well-prepared for the challenges of the future both in their careers and as informed global citizens.

Department Chair

Dr. Brian Frehner, Professor of History

Faculty

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Emeriti Faculty

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- ¹ Associate or Adjunct Graduate Faculty
- ² Members of UMKC Graduate Faculty
- ³ Members of UMKC Doctoral Faculty

Undergraduate Undergraduate Programs:

Bachelor of Arts: History

Minor:

History

Dual Degree Programs:

Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts: History

Graduate Graduate Programs:

Master of Arts: History (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/history/master-of-arts-history/>)

Master of Arts: History with a Public History Emphasis (<https://catalog.umkc.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/academic-departments-programs/history/master-of-arts-history/>)

Interdisciplinary Ph.D.: History

Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities: History Emphasis