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The Department of History at Lamar University combines cutting-edge research and a commitment to student success, both on campus and beyond. Our faculty specializes in fields that span the globe, producing scholarship that applies social, cultural, political, legal, gender, intellectual and environmental methodologies to the diverse experiences that have shaped our communities and our world.

Our faculty emphasize critical thinking, cultivate effective communication skills and value close mentor-student relationships. The history curriculum develops the intellectual tools that inform and empower our students as responsible leaders. Through the discipline of history, faculty prepare students for a wide range of careers in education, academia, government service, law, public engagement, journalism, business and the non-profit sector.

Programs

- **Graduate History Certificate** (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-arts-sciences/history/history-grad-cert/>)
- **History (B.A.)** (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-arts-sciences/history/history-ba/>)
- **History (B.A.) Teacher Certification** (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-arts-sciences/history/teacher-certification-history/>)
- **History (M.A.)** (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-arts-sciences/history/history-ma/>)
- **History Minor** (<https://catalog.lamar.edu/college-arts-sciences/history/history-minor/>)

Program Educational Objectives

Core Curriculum

(HIST 1301 U S History I 1763-1877, HIST 1302 U S History II Since 1877, HIST 2301 Texas History)

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- **Objective 2 (Communication):** Students will demonstrate effective written communication skills.
- **Objective 3 (Social Responsibility):** Students will demonstrate intercultural competency, civic knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

- **Objective 4 (Personal Responsibility):** Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision making.

BA History

- **Objective 1 (Historical Methodology):** Students will interpret historical evidence and analyze multiple viewpoints from primary and secondary sources.
- **Objective 2 (Speaking Competencies):** Students will demonstrate effective public speaking and presentation skills.
- **Objective 3 (Teacher Certification):** Bring US and Texas history instruction in line with the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES) and prepare students in the fields they will be required to reach at the K-12 level in the state of Texas.

MA History

- **Objective 1 (Historiography):** Students will explore content from multiple perspectives, acknowledge competing views, and evaluate sources for relevance and reliability.
- **Objective 2 (Thesis):** Students will formulate a significant research question and develop a convincing argument, with their findings constituting the basis for a publishable paper.
- **Objective 3 (Effective Written Communication):** Students will demonstrate academic writing competency and provide appropriate citations for historical evidence.

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