Learning Goals for the Graduate Programs in History

I. Learning Goals for the PhD in History

Core Skills

* Critical thinking, advanced research, and writing.

* Ability to analyze, discuss, and write about major problems in history and historiography.

* To analyze primary historical sources within their social, cultural, economic, and political contexts.

* To design and execute original historical research projects at the highest graduate level, culminating in a doctoral dissertation.

* To teach history at the college level.

Knowledge

* Understand major problems and methodological approaches in the discipline of history.

* Build a broad and deep foundation of knowledge in a major field of historical interest.

* Develop understanding of a discipline outside of history, or the history of a country or region outside of their main research focus.

Social Justice

An understanding of history’s relationship to questions of social justice.

II. Learning Goals for the Master’s Degree in History

Core Skills

* Critical thinking, research, and writing.

* Ability to analyze, discuss, and write about major problems in history and historiography.

* To analyze primary historical sources within their social, cultural, economic, and political contexts.
* To design and execute original historical research projects, culminating in capstone project.

**Knowledge**

* Understand major problems and methodological approaches in the discipline of history.

* Develop broad perspectives on urgent historical problems, rooted in a thorough and in-depth knowledge of the past.

**Social Justice**

An understanding of history’s relationship to questions of social justice.