

# HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT, MA

The Master of Arts in history and government offers a broad foundation in the disciplines of history and political science. Students can earn the degree completely on-line, on-campus, or with a mix of in-person and online courses. The program offers flexible schedule opportunities to working professionals in the areas of government and education. The students can fuel their careers with a purposeful and versatile curriculum.

## Program Related Information

### Program Contact

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**Program Website (<https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/political-science/academics/graduate-programs/history-government.php>)**

### Fast Track

The Departments of History and Political Science have developed a Fast Track program for highly qualified and motivated students providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated time frame. With Fast Track, students may count up to nine (9) graduate hours toward the completion of their undergraduate program as well as the graduate degree program.

#### Program Specifics:

- This program is available for undergraduate students pursuing BA/BS in history or BA/BS in political science desiring to pursue a MA in history and government.
- Students must have completed no less than 75 undergraduate hours.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.5.
- Students must complete the Fast Track Approval form and obtain all signatures and submit to the Office of Graduate Studies prior to first enrollment in a graduate course.
- Students will work with their undergraduate advisor to register for the graduate courses.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for graduate coursework to remain in good academic standing.
- Students remain undergraduates until they meet all the requirements for the undergraduate degree and are eligible for all rights and privileges granted undergraduate status including financial aid.
- Near the end of the undergraduate program, formal application to the graduate program is required. The application fee will be waived, the applicant will need to contact the Office of Graduate Studies for a fee waiver code.
  - Admission to Fast Track does NOT guarantee admission to the graduate program.
    - If students obtain a minimum GPA of 3.8 in the graduate courses taken within the Fast Track Program, this will be considered a plus factor for admission to the master's degree program.
  - The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

## Admissions

General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/>)

### Application Deadlines

- Spring 2026: October 15
- Summer 2026: March 15
- Fall 2026: June 15

### Other Requirements

- **English Language Proficiency:** Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the United States, **OR** a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a predetermined country on the waiver list (<https://www.unomaha.edu/office-of-graduate-studies/admissions/entrance-exams.php>), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
  - Internet-based TOEFL: 80, IELTS: 6.5, PTE: 53, Duolingo: 110
- **Statement of Purpose:** A personal statement (1-2 pages) explaining why the applicant is seeking admission into this program, how his/her academic/professional experiences can contribute to his/her success in this program, and how this program will contribute to his/her future academic/professional ambitions.
- **Writing Sample:** Academic-style writing sample of approximately 5 pages in length

## Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>History Required Seminars</b>		<b>6</b>
HIST 9200	COLLOQUIUM (Themes in Global History)	
HIST 9200	COLLOQUIUM (Themes in US History)	
<b>History Electives selected from any other HIST graduate courses</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Political Science Required Seminars</b>		<b>6</b>
Select two of the following:		
PSCI 8040	SEMINAR IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS	
PSCI 8250	SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
PSCI 8300	SEMINAR IN POLITICAL THEORY	
PSCI 8500	SEMINAR IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS	
<b>Political Science Electives selected from any other PSCI graduate courses</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

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<b>Coursework policies:</b>		
No more than six hours can end in 5.		
Former UNO undergraduates cannot take a cross-listed graduate course that they took at the undergraduate level.		

### Exit Requirements

A portfolio of coursework will be evaluated by relevant faculty other than the instructor for said course. As the portfolio is not a course, it is graded only as pass/fail with a B being the minimum grade to pass.