Reasons to Choose Our Programs...

- Western Michigan University’s History (M.A., Ph.D.) programs offer concentrations in diverse geographical, chronological, and thematic subject areas, with strengths in:
  - North America
  - Medieval Europe
  - Public History
  - Pre-1800 world

- Interdisciplinary partnerships encourage students to pursue innovative research:
  - Graduate Certificates in Ethnohistory and Monastic Studies
  - Close collaboration with the Medieval Institute
  - Well established relationships with regional public history institutions

- Thematic emphases exist in American studies, environment, gender, memory, popular culture, transnationalism, visual and material culture, and urban history, among others

- A small and focused graduate program allows students to work closely with faculty mentors and one another

- Our programs involve nationally and internationally recognized faculty and graduate students who have been awarded numerous grants and fellowships
History (M.A., Ph.D.)

Teaching, Research, and Program Focus Areas
WMU’s Department of History offers students a rich intellectual environment, with approximately 26 graduate faculty members and numerous opportunities for research and professional development. The department sponsors public lectures, workshops, and colloquia addressing a broad range of interests, fostering a vibrant culture of scholarship.

M.A. and Ph.D. students gain valuable research, teaching, and public presentation experiences that prepare them well for the next phases of their careers.

85% of our Ph.D. graduates are employed in tenure track or other academic positions. M.A. graduates go on to strong Ph.D. programs and suitable professional positions.

Admissions
Students seeking admission and funding for the fall semester must apply by January 15. Students seeking only admission for fall semester have until April 15 to apply. Students seeking only admission for the spring semester should apply as early as possible, but no later than November. A GRE score is required and all other application materials are found on the department website: wmich.edu/history/academics/graduate/index

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
Funding typically comes through teaching appointments in the form of two-year Graduate Assistantships for M.A. applicants and five-year Doctoral Associateships for Ph.D. applicants. The Department of History typically is able to fund four to six new G.A.s and two to four new D.A.s each academic year. Total compensation in salary, stipend and tuition remission ranges between approximately $19,369-27,898 (M.A.) and $27,658-$38,918 (Ph.D.) annually.

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Western Michigan University
One of the top-100 public universities in the United States, Western Michigan University offers many nationally known graduate programs, including 29 doctoral and 64 masters degrees. More than 20 percent of its 25,000 students are enrolled in graduate course work.

Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.