

Measuring Progress towards the History MA

The Director of Graduate Studies and the Director of Public History will determine ranking for funding based on the following standards for **full-time students'** progress towards the degree.

1. Grade Point Average
Note: incompletes usually have a negative impact; Rs are fine
2. Internship reports and evaluations
3. Progress toward completion of the thesis, according to the timeline below:

End of year one:

- Thesis advisor chosen (Spring)
- Thesis prospectus draft written (Spring, H501 is helpful)
- Thesis prospectus approved by thesis committee (summer approval OK)

Summer after first year:

- Thesis prospectus approved by committee (if not done earlier)
- Significant research underway for thesis

End of year two:

- Substantive research completed for thesis (if not done earlier)
- Introduction and at least one chapter drafted (use the colloquium and seminar)

Summer of year two:

- Complete research (if not done already)
- Continue to draft chapters and revise
- Revise and defend thesis (if possible)

End of year three:

- Revise and defend thesis (if not done already)

*note – We encourage students to try and finish their degree by the end of their second summer. We understand that the demands (especially of the public history concentration) require some students to take a third year, so please interpret the above timeline as a recommendation rather than a requirement. The deadline for completing the MA is five years from the end of your first semester.

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