Department: History
Degree Objective: Master of Arts in History

What can I do with this degree? What kind of jobs do people with this degree typically obtain?

A bare majority of our graduates go into education—college or community college teaching, middle/high school teaching, etc. and a number have gone into public history—museum direction, archival work, etc. But we have graduates in lots of other fields as well—library science, business research and operations, politics, union organizing, journalism, national security work. We have graduates who are LAPD detectives, lawyers, nonprofit founders, really a wide range of stuff.

Will this master's program prepare me for a Ph.D. program?

Yes!

How do I apply to your graduate program?

Instructions are on our website—www.calstatela.edu/academic/history/master-arts-degree-program

What is the GPA requirement for admissions into your program?

Applicants must have a grade point average in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) units of 3.00 or better. Applicants with GPAs between 2.75 and 3.00 may be admitted at the discretion of the department’s graduate admissions committee after completing prerequisite or qualifying courses, if necessary, with a minimum grade of B (3.0) in each prerequisite or qualifying course.

Does your program require the GRE?

No

How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?

Two

Whom should I get the recommendation letters from, professors or employers?

Ideally professors, but we accept them from anyone who has worked with applicants as well.

When do you accept students into your graduate program in Fall or Spring or both?

Both. Deadlines are Oct 1 for spring admission, Feb 15 for fall admission.

What are the admission deadlines?

You can find the University Deadlines at this website: www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines
What is the cost to attend graduate school?
You can find information regarding tuition and fees on the Student Financial Services website at http://www.calstatela.edu/sfinserv/cashiers-office

Does your department offer any GA or TA positions? If so, what is the eligibility requirement to apply for a GA or TA position?
Yes. There are typically three GA positions offered per term. In addition, we have a peer facilitator program that pays participants. Interested students should contact the chair. There are no eligibility requirements beyond good standing in the program.

Is this degree program co-horted?
No, not formally.

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enroll in 3 or 6 units per semester?
A student taking 6 units a semester will finish in five semesters, or 2.5 years.

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enrolled in 9 or 12 units per semester?
1.5-2 years.

Do you offer any Winter Intersessions classes or any classes during the Summer?
No.

When are your graduate classes typically offered during the day or at night?
5000 level courses are offered exclusively at night, but MA students can take a limited number (2-3) of 4000 level courses, which may meet during the day.

Whom can I contact in the department, if I have additional questions?
The chair or the faculty advisors. The chair can be reached at mwild@calstatela.edu. Prospective students can schedule meetings with the faculty advisor by calling 323-343-2020 or visiting the department office, King Hall, C4066.

Are there any additional resources or funding opportunities for graduate student at CSULA?
The department does offer scholarships to MA students, both through the university and the student honor society, Phi Alpha Theta. These scholarships range from $400-$1500.

For additional resources and funding opportunities, please visit the Graduate Studies webpage at http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies.