

Cal State LA History Department – Master of Arts Program in History
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be submitted through **Cal State Apply** at www.calstate.edu/apply

Application Submission Deadlines:

	Application Period Opens	Domestic Application Deadline	International Application Deadline*
For Spring 2026 Admission	August 1, 2025	October 15, 2025	August 31, 2025
For Fall 2026 Admission	October 1, 2025	April 15, 2026	TBA in September 2025

** **Note:** The international application deadline applies to students who will require a F1 visa or I-20 to study in the United States.*

For information and instructions on how to complete a **Cal State Apply** application, please refer to the CSU Graduate Application Guide at:

<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/graduate/Documents/cal-state-apply-graduate-application-guide.pdf>

There are four parts to an application, each of which must be fully completed. Note that this will require navigating multiple pages and tabs.

- Personal Information
- Academic History
- Supporting Information
- Program Materials

As part of completing the “**Program Materials**” portion, you will need to upload a **Statement of Purpose** (500-750 words) and **Unofficial Transcripts** from the college/university where you earned your most recent degree. You will also need to enter the contact information of two **Recommenders**. These are the persons from whom you would like to request letters of recommendation. Where possible, at least one of these letters should come from a professor or individual capable of evaluating your qualifications for graduate study. For returning students with a long gap since their undergraduate years, it is acceptable if neither letter comes from a professor.

Additional Admission Requirements

For University Requirements for Admission to graduate study, see

<https://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/graduate-application-and-admission>

In addition to University Requirements for Admission to graduate study, applicants must have a grade point average of 3.00 or better in the last 60 semester units (90 quarter units) of their undergraduate program to be considered for departmental admission. 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 3.00 GPA.

The department welcomes applicants from all undergraduate majors. If you are a qualified applicant who did not major in history, you may be accepted to Cal State LA but will first enroll in a few upper-level undergraduate history courses. These courses will prepare you to succeed when you transition to full membership in our graduate program.