

Annual Key Assessment Findings and Curricular Improvements
Department of History
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Key Curricular Improvements

Intra-departmental discussions led to a restructuring of the PhD program, so as to make it more likely that students will complete their course of studies, take their comps and begin PhD work at the end of four years. Beginning next year, there will be one major field exam (supervised by two professors), and two minor field exams (supervised by one professor each), and they will all be taken in the same semester.

Also, the following courses will now count toward seminar requirements: HIST 603 (Historical Teaching; with a teaching portfolio) and HIST 992 (Dissertation Preparation).

For medievalists, students must enter the program with the equivalent of Latin 517 (intermediate Latin) and will complete the medieval Latin sequences (2 semesters) in their first year of doctoral studies.