



## GRADUATE STUDIES FACT SHEET

### HISTORY

#### PROGRAMS OF STUDY

The Department of History oversees three degree programs.

The master of arts (M.A.) in history (33 semester hours) offers a thesis and nonthesis option in which students may concentrate in United States, European, or world/comparative history.

The master of education (M.Ed.) in history (36 semester hours), offered in cooperation with the College of Education, combines professional education courses with those in specific historical fields of study.

The Department of History also administers and offers courses in the M.A. in holocaust and genocide studies (33 semester hours), one of the nation's first interdepartmental M.A. and certificate programs in this field. For more information, see [www.wcupa.edu/\\_academics/holocaust](http://www.wcupa.edu/_academics/holocaust).

#### THE CURRICULUM

The broad range of courses offered in the M.A. and M.Ed. programs includes seminars, independent studies, and directed readings. Students in the master of arts (M.A.) program concentrate in United States, European, or world/comparative history. Students, with permission of the graduate coordinator, may take up to six semester hours in a discipline related to their major field of study. The M.A. in history may be earned by completing either a thesis or nonthesis program. The nonthesis option is designed for students who desire more content courses as background for their own teaching, further academic work, or personal enrichment. The thesis option is designed for students who wish to conduct original research on the master's level.

#### BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM

- Evening and summer classes to fit students' schedule
- Broad range of courses for more effective teaching at the secondary school level
- Solid preparation for Ph.D. programs in history
- Opportunity to concentrate in one of three major fields
- Excellent base for international law or multinational corporate careers
- Paid internships at off-campus agencies and historical institutions
- Opportunities to participate in research and documentary projects sponsored by off-campus institutions
- Funding to underwrite students' research and presentation of papers at historical conferences
- Graduate assistantships

#### FACULTY

The department includes 16 professors with expertise in a broad range of historical fields and methodologies, as well as national and international publications.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should submit the following materials to the Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education:

- Completed graduate application, including goals statement (apply online at [www.wcupa.edu/grad](http://www.wcupa.edu/grad))
- Official academic transcript(s) from all colleges and universities attended, indicating completion of

undergraduate U.S. history and world or western civilization surveys, and an undergraduate course in historical methodology or historical research

- Updated resume
- Two letters of recommendation

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Write: Office of Graduate Studies and Extended Education  
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West Chester University  
West Chester, PA 19383

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Web: [www.wcupa.edu/grad](http://www.wcupa.edu/grad)

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*Or contact the department:*

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The Graduate Catalog is available online at [www.wcupa.edu/\\_information/official\\_documents/graduate.catalog/](http://www.wcupa.edu/_information/official_documents/graduate.catalog/).

#### ABOUT GRADUATE STUDIES

West Chester University offers high-quality graduate degrees in more than 70 disciplines or areas of study, as well as certificate

and certification programs. The graduate studies program has grown remarkably since its introduction in 1960. West Chester University's program is the largest within the 14 institutions in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education enrolling more than 2,100 graduate students.

Programs can be taken on a part-time basis, and most of the graduate classes are scheduled during late afternoons and evenings for the benefit of in-service teachers and other employed persons.

## ABOUT WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

A regional, public institution, West Chester University of Pennsylvania offers high-quality undergraduate and graduate degrees, as

well as certification and certificate programs, in more than 100 subject areas. As the second largest member of the State System of Higher Education, West Chester offers a full and rewarding educational experience as well as reasonable tuition.

With a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century, West Chester University was founded in 1871 as West Chester Normal School for the purpose of training teachers for the Commonwealth's newly established public schools. In 1960, West Chester State Teachers College expanded its programs to include liberal arts and graduate degrees and, as a result, dropped "Teachers" from its name. In 1983, West Chester State College became one of the 14 institutions in the State System of Higher Education. Along with its university status, the school ac-

quired a new system of governance and the opportunity to expand its degree programs.

Today, more than 15,400 graduate and undergraduate students, as well as 1,500 faculty and staff, study and work on the 406-acre campus. Situated in the Borough of West Chester, the campus is a picturesque mix of Gothic, Victorian, and modern architecture with pleasant, tree-shaded walks.

Strategically located at the center of the mid-Atlantic corridor, West Chester University is just 25 miles west of Philadelphia and 17 miles north of Wilmington, Del. The campus is convenient to major cultural institutions, recreational activities, and commercial businesses, many of which provide internship opportunities for WCU's students.

