

CHANGE MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM FORM

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

College:	Arts and Sciences	Department:	History
Current Major Name:	MA	Proposed Major Name:	
Current Degree Title:	MA	Proposed Degree Title:	
Formal Option(s):	Plan A and Plan B	Proposed Formal Option(s):	<i>create second Plan B option</i>
Specialty Fields w/in Formal Option:	NA	Proposed Specialty Fields w/in Formal Options:	
Date of Contact with Associate Provost for Academic Administration ¹ :		Prof. Hamilton met with Assoc. Provost Blackwell Thursday, Sept. 29 to discuss the proposed change.	
Bulletin (yr & pgs):	2011, pp. 45-48	CIP Code ¹ :	54.0101
		Today's Date:	9/19/2011
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):			
Requested Effective Date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester following approval. OR <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date ² :			
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2. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1.	Number of transfer credits allowed (Maximum is Graduate School limit of 9 hours or 25% of course work)	NA	
2.	Residence requirement (if applicable)	NA	
3.	Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	NA	
4.	Termination criteria	NA	
5.	Plan A Degree Plan requirements ³ (thesis)	24 credits (including History 606) plus thesis plus oral exam	<i>same</i>
6.	Plan B Degree Plan requirements ³ (non-thesis)	36 hours, 2 700-level research seminars, History 606	<i>This option plus another non-thesis option: 30 hours of coursework including History 606, minimum of two 700-level research seminar, and a capstone project that will be a paper based largely on primary sources of 45-60 pages and an oral exam over the capstone project.</i>

¹ Prior to filling out this form, you MUST contact the Associate Provost for Academic Administration (APAA). If you do not know the CIP code, the APAA can provide you with that during the contact.

² Program changes are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No changes will be made effective until all approvals are received.

³ If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

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7.	Distribution of course levels required	2/3rds 600 and 700	<i>same</i>
	(At least one-half must be at 600+ level & two-thirds must be in organized courses.)		
8.	Required courses (if applicable)	History 606	<i>same</i>
9.	Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	determined by a student's committee	<i>same</i>
10.	Final examination requirements	oral exam	<i>same</i>
11.	Explain whether the proposed changes to the program (as described in sections 1 to 10) involve courses offered by another department/program. <u>Routing Signature Log must include approval by faculty of additional department(s).</u>		
	Apply ONLY to History		
12.	List any other requirements not covered above?		
	NA		
13.	Please explain the rationale for changes. If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.		
	<p>For several decades now, we have given our MA students two options -- Plan A which requires 24 hours of formal coursework and a formal MA thesis (which usually accounts for another 9 credit hours) and Plan B which requires 36 hours of coursework (of which 6 hours must be in two 700-level research seminars) and an oral exam over three papers written in graduate seminars. (Two of the three papers must come from the two required 700-level research seminars.)</p> <p>We wish to create a third option (or a second non-thesis option). Many history departments allow students the option of writing a substantial research paper but one not subject to the formal thesis rules or one that is as long and time-consuming as the formal thesis. We want to add this option by creating under Plan B what we call a "capstone research project."</p> <p>We are we proposing this change? We find that many of our students who pursue our current Plan B non-thesis option have a difficult time when they move into the doctoral program and particularly when they commence writing the doctoral dissertation. We also find that the requirements of writing a formal MA thesis sometimes deters progress-to-degree. This sometimes leaves the student the option of our current Plan B or non-thesis option. But this means that the student is entering the doctoral program without ever having tackled a substantial research project. We think that creating a second non-thesis option that consists of the larger capstone research project will help prepare students for the rigors of the PhD program and especially for the challenge of writing a 250-500 page dissertation. Some faculty members also dislike the current Plan A thesis option because they think some students need more than the 24 hours of coursework for the doctoral program. Hence, there is a strong sense that we should add a second non-thesis option under Plan B in order to offer an additional route to the doctoral program.</p> <p>We envision that a student interested in the terminal MA degree could elect to pursue any of the three options.</p>		

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Signature Routing Log

General Information:

Proposal Name: History MA program (adding second Plan B option)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
History, DGS	9/7/11	David Hamilton / 7-3104 / dehami01@uky.edu	
History, Chair	9/14/11	Karen Petrone / 7-1731 / petrone@uky.edu	
College of A&S	10/11/11	Anna Bosch, Associate Dean / 7-6689 / bosch@uky.edu	
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision ⁴
Undergraduate Council			
Graduate Council			
Health Care Colleges Council			
Senate Council Approval		University Senate Approval	

Comments:

⁴ Councils use this space to indicate approval of revisions made subsequent to that council's approval, if deemed necessary by the revising council.