Overview
The Department of History Graduate Program offers four options leading to the Master of Arts Degree. Each requires a prescribed program of 45 units from a core of courses that includes:

- History 6010 Graduate Seminar in History
- History 6030 Graduate Historiography
- History 6100-6400 Conference Courses in History

In the Thesis Option, students complete their programs by researching and writing an original University Thesis based on primary sources and focusing on a particular historical subject or problem.

Students in the Examination Option write separate comprehensive examinations in major and minor fields. This option may be appropriate for students preparing for a career in community college teaching or intending to apply to doctoral programs.

The Teaching Option is designed for those who currently teach in public, or independent, schools or who plan to move on to community college teaching. Students complete a curriculum project suitable to their goals. The Teaching Option does not fulfill the requirements for a California teaching credential.

The Public History Option trains students for non-teaching careers in history in the public and private sectors or in archival or museum work. Students complete a Departmental Thesis and an Internship in Public History.

Admissions
Admission to the program requires a Bachelor’s degree with a major in History, or the equivalent, and a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) in the last two years of undergraduate work, and 3.3 (B+) in History.

An electronic version of the California State University “Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Admission” application is available at http://www.csumentor.edu, or by email request sent to gradprograms@csueastbay.edu.

A one-page statement of purpose and two letters of recommendation must be sent directly to the Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of History, CSU East Bay, Hayward, CA 94542-3045. For additional details or specific program requirements, contact the Graduate Program Coordinator or consult the CSUEB Catalog at www.csueastbay.edu. For information regarding financial assistance, inquire at the Financial Aid Office, CSU East Bay, Hayward, CA 94542-3035, or call 510-885-3616.

Career Opportunities
Archivist, Attorney, Corporate Historian, Curator, Diplomat/Foreign Service Officer, Government Service, International Relations Specialist, Journalist, Legal Assistant, Librarian, Museum Worker, Politician, Professor, Public Administrator, Researcher, Teacher, Writer

Fellowship
Evelyn Whitman Rice Memorial Research Fellowship

Partnerships
- Partnership with Alameda County Office of Education for a federal Teaching American History Grant.
- Faculty have participated recently on panels at professional conferences in cities in all parts of the United States and overseas.
- Partnership with Hayward Area Historical Society building internships and public history exhibition space.

Community Outreach
- Community Outreach projects with the California Historical Society and The Oakland Museum of California.

Degree Offered
Master of Arts

Graduate Options
Thesis
Examination
Teaching
Public History

Areas of Specialization
U.S. History
California and the American West
Europe
East and South Asia
Latin America

Number of Masters Students
37
Recent Achievements

Faculty

- Linda Ivey was invited to appear as the inaugural speaker in a new series on Environmental History at the University of California, Santa Cruz in Fall of 2010.
- Linda Ivey was invited to speak on immigration and the Environment as part of program on the controversial Arizona immigration laws at the annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History in 2011
- Dee Andrews received a grant from the Bibliographical Society of America for co-authored research on Thomas Clarkson’s A History of the Abolition of the African Slave-Trade
- Dee Andrews, Bridget Ford, and Jessica Weiss led middle and high school teachers on a tour of the Underground Railroad and Women’s Rights as part of the Department’s Teaching American History Grant with Alameda County Office of Education
- Khal Schneider served as moderator for the Meet the Scholar series of talks on American political history at the Oakland Museum
- Dee Andrews received a Franklin Research Grant from the American Philosophical Society and a Gilder Lehman Scholarly Fellowship.
- Bridget Ford received a Summer Fellowship from the CSUEB Faculty Support Grant Program for a book project on “American Crossings: Forging Union in a Civil War Borderland.”
- Vahid Fozdar received a Faculty Learning Community Grant to develop on-line classes.
- Richard A. Garcia co-authored Ethnic Community Builders.
- Nicole Howard published The Book: The Life Story of a Technology.
- Linda Ivey received a Faculty Learning Community Grant to develop on-line classes.
- Sophia Lee organized a panel and presented work at the Association for Asian Studies.
- Robert Phelps received the 2006-07 Concord Campus Distinguished Professor of the Year Award.
- Henry Reichman served two terms as Statewide Academic Senator for CSUEB and as Chair of the CSUEB Academic Senate.
- Khal Schneider presented an invited paper at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.
- Nancy Thompson received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the CSUEB Faculty Development Center.
- Jessica Weiss received the Alice Stone Blackwell Award at the Schlesinger Library for the History of Women, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University.
- Professors Weiss and Howard won CLASS Faculty Fellowships in 2005 and Professor Howard received a Dean’s Fund for Academic Programming grant for teaching the history of science through theatre.
- Linda Ivey was invited

Students

- M.A. Student Dorothea Crosbie-Taylor was hired in a full-time capacity at the Oakland Museum of California, and presented on her MA thesis project/work at OMCA at the annual meeting of the National Council on Public History in Spring of 2010
- M.A. student Bill Gaines won a McNair Scholarship for minority students applying to graduate school
- M.A. students won first and second places in the Humanities Category of the annual California State University Student Research Competition in 2003 and 2004.
- M.A. student Tim Silva delivered the annual address at the CSUEB Honors Convocation in
May 2004.

- Two M.A. students participated in the Whitsett Graduate Seminar at CSU Northridge
- M.A. student Andre Schmidt won the Mary Harrington Thesis Award

Alumni

- History graduates have been accepted into Ph.D. programs at U.C. Irvine, Claremont Graduate School, and Northwestern University, and into Northwestern University Law School
- M.A. graduates hold tenure-track positions at Las Positas College, Chabot College, the College of Alameda, Contra Costa College, and Suffolk County Community College in New York
- M.A. graduate Terri Blanchette and her husband Stephen endowed the Blanchette Family Scholarship for CSUEB History Majors
- M.A. graduate Diane Curry was appointed Curator of the Hayward Area Historical Society
- M.A. student Andrew Galvan has been appointed Curator at the Mission Dolores in San Francisco.
- M.A. graduate Eric Niderost coauthored Civil War Firsts with faculty member Gerald Henig.
- M.A. graduate Cleveland Valrey was the first African American to be inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame.
- M.A. graduate Mary-Jo Wainwright and the Museum on Main Street published Historical Images of Pleasanton.