HISTORY

Dual-Titles

Dual-Title Ph.D. in History and African American and Diaspora Studies

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/).

Admission Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in History and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to History, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the African American and Diaspora Studies dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the African American and Diaspora Studies Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/african-american-diaspora-studies/). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in African American and Diaspora Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their home department.

Degree Requirements

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the Ph.D. in History. In addition, students pursuing the dual-title Ph.D. in History and African American and Diaspora Studies must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. in African American and Diaspora Studies, listed on the African American and Diaspora Studies Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/african-american-diaspora-studies/).

Qualifying Examination

The qualifying examination committee must include at least one member of the African American and Diaspora Studies Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

The dual-title field must be fully integrated into the qualifying exam for the doctoral program. In addition, student in the dual-title Ph.D. in African American and Diaspora Studies will be required to present to their committee a portfolio of work in African American and Diaspora Studies which includes a statement of the student’s interdisciplinary research interests, a program plan, and samples of writing that indicate the student’s interest in questions taken up by scholars of African American and Diaspora Studies.

Ph.D. committee Composition

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/), the Ph.D. committee of a History and African American and Diaspora Studies dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the African American and Diaspora Studies Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs’ Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a member of the Graduate Faculty in African American and Diaspora Studies, the member of the committee representing African American and Diaspora Studies must be appointed as co-chair.

Comprehensive Exams

The African American and Diaspora Studies Graduate Faculty member on the student’s committee is responsible for developing and administering the African American and Diaspora Studies portion of the student’s comprehensive exams. The exam must incorporate written and oral components in African American and Diaspora Studies based on the student’s thematic or regional area of interest and specialization in African American and Diaspora Studies. The African American and Diaspora Studies portion of the exam will include the following components: broad history of the field, contemporary theory and debates, and either sexual and gender politics or a topic related to the student’s specific area of interest.

Dissertation

Ph.D. candidates must complete a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in both History and African American and Diaspora Studies. In order to earn the dual-title Ph.D. degree, the dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School, and the student must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense).

Dual-Title Ph.D. in History and Asian Studies

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Graduate students with research and educational interests in Asian studies may apply to the dual-title Ph.D. in History and Asian Studies. The goal of the dual-title Ph.D. in History and Asian Studies is to enable graduate students from History to acquire the knowledge and skills of their major area of specialization in History while at the same time gaining the perspective of Asian Studies. In order to prepare graduate students for the competitive job market, this program provides them with a solid disciplinary foundation that will allow them to compete for the best jobs in their field. For such students, the dual-title Ph.D. in History and Asian Studies will add value to their degree and their status as candidates. It will produce excellent historians who are experts in Asian Studies as well. The dual-title degree in History and Asian Studies will build curricular bridges beyond the student’s major field so as to provide a unique training regime for the global scholar.

Admission Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in History and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to History, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Asian Studies dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the Asian Studies Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/asian-studies/). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Asian Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their home department.

Degree Requirements

The doctoral degree in History and Asian Studies is awarded only to students who are admitted to the History Ph.D. program and subsequently admitted to the dual-title in Asian Studies. To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for
research and education in both History and Asian Studies. In order to earn the dual-title Ph.D. degree, the dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School, and the student must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense).

### Dual-Title M.A. and Ph.D. in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Titled Graduate Degree Programs (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/).

Dual-title degrees in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies foster interdisciplinary scholarly work that is grounded in historical study, research, and teaching. A dual-title program will enhance the intellectual rigor and breadth of graduate work through core courses in feminist theory and methodologies; by exposure to a range of interdisciplinary approaches to scholarship that focuses on the intersections of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, nation, and citizenship; and by offering students a pedagogical framework that encourages an interdisciplinary approach to teaching.

#### Admission Requirements

Students must apply and be admitted to the graduate program in History and The Graduate School before they can apply for admission to the dual-title degree program. After admission to History, students must apply for admission to and meet the admissions requirements of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies dual-title program. Refer to the Admission Requirements section of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Bulletin page (http://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/womens-studies/). Doctoral students must be admitted into the dual-title degree program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their home department.

#### Degree Requirements for the Dual-Title M.A.

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the M.A. in History. In addition, students pursuing the dual-title M.A. in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title M.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, listed on the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Bulletin page (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/womens-sexuality-studies/).

For the dual-title M.A., a minimum of one member of the master's committee will be a member of the Graduate Faculty in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

#### Degree Requirements for the Dual-Title Ph.D.

To qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the Ph.D. in History. In addition, students pursuing the dual-title Ph.D. in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies must complete the degree requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, listed on the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Bulletin page (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/womens-sexuality-studies/).

### Qualifying Examination

There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The qualifying examination committee must include at least one member of the dual-title degree committee. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. Dual-title graduate degree students are required to present a portfolio of work in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies prior to taking the qualifying examination in their home department.

### Comprehensive Exams

The Asian Studies-affiliated faculty member on the student's committee is responsible for ensuring that Asian Studies content constitutes a portion of the student's comprehensive exams. The Asian Studies' content will focus on the following areas: theory, methodology, transnationalism, and interdisciplinary material related to the student's discipline.

### Dissertation

Ph.D. candidates must complete a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in both History and Asian Studies. In order to qualify for the dual-title degree, students must satisfy the degree requirements for the dual-title Ph.D. in History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The qualifying examination committee must include at least one member of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. Dual-title graduate degree students may

### Foreign Language Requirements

All-skills proficiency in one Asian language and two years' college study (or equivalent knowledge) of another Asian language, or alternative proficiency appropriate to the student's field.

### Qualifying Examination

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### Ph.D. committee Composition

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/), the Ph.D. committee of a History and Asian Studies dual-title Ph.D. student must include at least one member of the Asian Studies Graduate Faculty. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role. If the chair of the Ph.D. committee is not also a faculty member in Asian Studies, the member of the committee representing Asian Studies must be appointed as co-chair.

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require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable.

Students must meet the Ph.D. qualifying examination requirements specified by the History department. In addition, the student will be required to present a portfolio of work in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies to their committee. Such a portfolio would include:

- a statement of the student's interdisciplinary research interests,
- a program plan, and
- samples of writing that indicate the student's work in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

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**Comprehensive Exams**

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies affiliated faculty members on the student's Ph.D. committee are responsible for ensuring that Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies content constitutes a portion of the student's comprehensive exams. The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies content will focus on the following areas: feminist theory, feminist methodology, global feminism, and feminist studies.

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Ph.D. candidates must complete a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in both History and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. In order to earn the dual-title Ph.D. degree, the dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Graduate School, and the student must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense).