

History Department  
Graduate Student Outcomes  
2017-18  
Per 2018 Annual Assessment update

1. Mastery of the content of history at a level so that the student can act competently as a scholar. More precisely, recognizing that individual areas of interest will vary widely, and recognizing that even within a given field the state of historical knowledge and interpretation is often fluid and multifarious, we aim to enable students to competently navigate the historical scholarship in a given field: a robust framework of historical knowledge, the ability to do research in the field (find further information), and recognition of the main schools of interpretation (historiography) in the field.
2. Demonstration of an ability to use the methods of historical scholarship to create a work of historical interpretation – that is, the MA thesis – which makes an original contribution to the student’s field of historical study.