

M.A. Degree for Students Entering With an Advanced Health Professional Degree

An M.A. degree in the History of Medicine is awarded through the History of Science Department at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. This program is designed for students with doctoral training in one of the health professions who wish to pursue a Master's degree in the history of medicine.

Requirements: A minimum of 30 course credits are required for the M.A. degree. The distribution should be along the following lines:

Required Courses:

504 Society and Health Care in American History
507 or 508 Health, Disease, and Healing I and II (4-credit option, if available)
720 Proseminar: Historiography and Methods
901 Graduate Seminar in the History of Medicine

Additional Requirements:

One additional history of medicine course at or above the 300 level
One additional history of science course at or above the 300 level
One additional seminar in the history of medicine, history of science, or history
One approved elective to complete the 30 credits.

Transfer credits

Students can apply up to 6 credits from their previous professional degree work toward the M.A. degree. If only 3 credits are transferred, these will count as 1 course towards the M.A. requirements. The Graduate School stipulates that only courses taken within the previous ten years may be used for transfer credits.

History of Science Department Requirements

There is no foreign language requirement for the M.A. degree for students entering with an advanced health professional degree. However, graduate students must demonstrate proficiency in either French or German (or an approved alternative) in order to be admitted to the Ph.D. program. The Ph.D. in History of Science, Medicine, and Technology requires proficiency in two foreign languages. Those students intending to pursue a Ph.D. degree should anticipate these requirements. (See Ph.D. language requirements below for methods by which proficiency may be demonstrated.)

M. A. Paper. Same as for M.A. degree in History of Science, Medicine, and Technology.

M.A. Checklist. Students wishing to be awarded the M.A. degree will submit an M.A. Checklist along with the M.A. paper. The checklist appears in Form B in the Graduate Student Handbook.