INFORMATION FOR NEWLY-ADMITTED HISTORY GRADUATE STUDENTS

Welcome to the University at Albany’s graduate program in history! Once you receive the acceptance letter, whether to the MA program, the combined MA/MSIS program, or the PhD program, here are some steps to take:

1. Follow the guidelines set out in your acceptance letter, some of which are included here, http://www.albany.edu/graduate/admitted-graduate-student-questions.php. This covers:
   a. Confirming your acceptance
   b. Paying the non-refundable $250 admission deposit fee
   c. After a few days, receiving and responding to University correspondence regarding Albany ID, email activation, etc. This will get you into MyUAlbany.
   d. [The letter includes immunization information.]

2. Once this is done, contact graduate director David Hochfelder (dhochfelder@albany.edu) in the History Department to receive an Adviser Verification Number, which is needed to enroll in the courses you choose. As you continue through the program, another advisor from the Department of History may be assigned to you.

3. All graduate courses are in history are listed here, http://www.albany.edu/history/graduate-program-courses.php. To see which specific courses are being offered in the upcoming semester, see the Word document posted on this page, e.g., “FALL 2017 Graduate Course Descriptions.”


5. Specific information about the history graduate program can be found here, http://www.albany.edu/history/graduate-program.php, including a link to the History Department Graduate Handbook, which includes information about comprehensive exams.

6. **MA students:** Once you have completed the steps above, please choose one of the three History MA concentrations: Geographic, Thematic, or Public History (see http://www.albany.edu/history/graduate-program.php), and send an email to Ms. Jamie Winn (jenglish2@albany.edu) to let her know.
   a. Please note that the public history concentration includes a required course, HIS 501, which is only offered in the fall semester.
   b. Questions about the public history concentration may be sent to public history program director Sheila Curran Bernard, sbernard@albany.edu.
7. **PhD students**: At the earliest opportunity, please consult with the Graduate Director (dhochfelder@albany.edu) and your faculty mentor regarding your choice of concentrations and geographic specializations.

   a. Students must choose a major concentration in history from the following areas:
      - Social and Economic History;
      - Public Policy History;
      - International, Global and Comparative History;
      - Cultural History;
      - Gender History.

   b. In addition, PhD students must select a minor concentration from the following:
      - Social and Economic History;
      - Public Policy History;
      - Public History;
      - International,
      - Global and Comparative History:
      - Cultural History;
      - Gender History.

   c. One geographic specialization is required from the following choices:
      - United States
      - Europe
      - Latin America
      - Africa and Asia.

   d. PhD students are also required to choose either a second minor concentration within history or a cognate field outside of history.
      - If a second minor concentration is chosen, all three concentrations (major, two minor) may not be selected from the same geographic specialization.
      - A cognate field may be chosen from a broad range of options (e.g. anthropology, economics, art history, philosophy, literature).