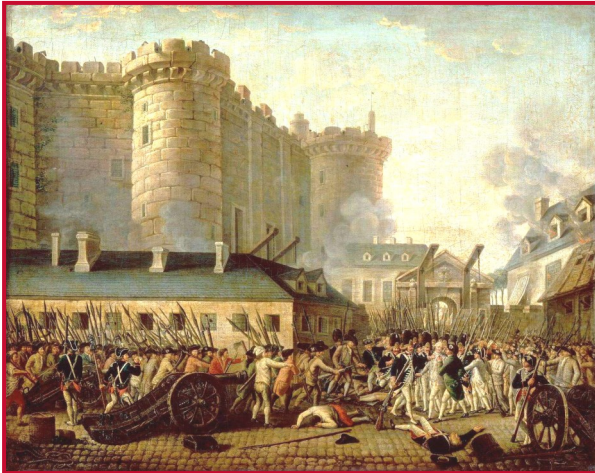


Master's Degree
Program
in Global &
Comparative
History



RUTGERS
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The **Global and Comparative History Master's Degree Program** at Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey is especially for students looking for a “bridge” M.A. program to increase their prospects for future admission to leading Ph.D. programs in the field, as well as for current and prospective teachers facing the challenge of offering courses in world history and cultures at the middle and secondary school levels.



Centered at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University, this master's degree draws on the strength of a faculty with nearly twenty members working on various aspects of global history who have made major scholarly contributions to the field.

Among the areas of faculty specialization are Indian, African, Asian, Latin American, and Middle Eastern history.

Courses

The program offers courses that focus on key culture areas in world historical perspective, major themes and processes in global history, and trans-continental and trans-national interactions and globalizing influences over time.

Course offerings include:

- *Africa in World History*
- *Islam: A Global Civilization*
- *Colloquium in Global History*
- *Modern World Cities*
- *African-Asian Century*
- *Gender in Latin America*
- *Slavery in the Caribbean*
- *Ancient Warfare & Diplomacy*

Program Features

Global and comparative history courses have long formed a significant part of the History undergraduate major at Rutgers, and have flourished as a minor field within the Ph.D. program. M.A. students will benefit greatly from access to the resources of a major public research institution.

- ◆ **Strength of Scholarship.** The Rutgers History Department has long been a national leader in world history and bringing global perspectives to courses on European and American history.
- ◆ **Small Classes.** Enable extensive and personal interaction between faculty and graduates, and among Master's and doctoral students. In the 2012 Spring semester, faculty from history and the Graduate School of Education will offer a course on Approaches to Global History.
- ◆ **Flexibility.** Late afternoon and evening classes make it possible for working professionals to pursue their responsibilities while they complete an advanced degree, either full- or part-time.
- ◆ **Accessibility.** With easy access to the Turnpike and NJ Transit, the program is available to students from throughout New Jersey and beyond.
- ◆ **Educational Value.** Program participants have the opportunity to create capstone courses and final projects tailored to each graduate's teaching needs.





Degree Requirements

The completion of 30 course credits is required of all students pursuing a master's degree in Global and Comparative History. These include:

Area, Regional, and Thematic Courses

(21 credits, seven courses)

Selected by each student in the program in consultation with faculty advisers from the diverse elective courses at the 500-level. Each of these offerings is focused on one of the three following levels of global and comparative analysis:

- Area and regionally focused courses
- Trans-continental courses
- Thematic courses

Core Course on Global and Comparative History

(3 credits)

All students working to attain a Global and Comparative master's degree must take the core course on *Approaches to Global History: Concepts and Teaching*.

After completing eight (8), three-credit courses on various culture areas, regions, and global processes, each graduate student in the program will finish the M.A. with:

- I. **A Master's Exam (3-credits)** which includes compiling, in consultation with faculty advisers, reading lists in areas and themes appropriate to each student's needs and the successful completion of a week-long, take-home essay exam.
- II. **Capstone Course (3-credits)** which allows students to tie together the multiple strands of knowledge to which they have been exposed during their course of study in ways that would be most useful for them in their future endeavors.

Admissions

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the master's degree program in Global and Comparative History should normally have a GPA of at least 3.0, and solid verbal and reading scores on the GRE exams.

Application Procedures

Application materials should include:

- A completed online application form
- Official transcripts from the colleges and universities the applicant has attended
- GRE scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- A personal statement of 1 to 2 pages
- A writing sample of at least 10-15 pages
- The application fee

Deadline for fall admission: **July 1**

Deadline for spring admission: **January 3**

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