

**Model Plan of Study for Students starting the PhD after the BA Degree
including MA Thesis Option (THO) plan**

Year 1	Courses & Requirements	
	HIST 628	Fall (9 hours)
	HIST 631 or HIST 643	
	One (1) History seminar in major field	
	December 1 - Student must have filed the MA (THO) degree plan (30 hours total)	
	HIST 632 or HIST 644	Spring (9 hours)
	HIST seminar in major or minor field <i>OR</i> HIST 629 (Students currently in the History Graduate Program are NOT required to take HIST 629. HIST 629 will only be required for students entering the History Graduate Program in the Fall 2018 semester and beyond)	
	One (1) History seminar in minor field	
May 1 - Student should have satisfied foreign-language requirement by this time		
Summer – (1) Thesis research, (2) Language Study undertaken if a second language required for the PhD.		
18 hours completed		

Year 2	Courses & Requirements	
	Two History seminars (6 hours total) in major field	Fall (9 hours)
	Three (3) hours 691 – MA (thesis option)	
	Three (3) hours 691 – MA (thesis option)	Spring (9 hours)
	One (1) History seminar in major field	
	One (1) course <i>outside</i> History department	
	Fall semester of Year 2: Third Semester Review (3SR)	
	<i>MA thesis to committee by April 1 – MA thesis should be successfully defended by May 1</i>	
36 hours completed		

Year 3	Courses & Requirements	
	One (1) seminar or 685 (3 hrs.) <i>outside</i> History department	Fall (9 hours)
	One (1) HIST seminar in major field	
	One (1) HIST seminar in minor field	
	One (1) HIST seminar in major field	Spring (9 hours)
	One (1) HIST 685 (3 hrs.) in major field	
	One (1) HIST 685 (3 hrs.) in minor field	
PhD Qualifying Examination to be taken between March 1 and April 1		
April 1-30 – distribute dissertation proposal to committee – defend dissertation proposal by May 15		
Dissertation research in summer		
54 hours completed		

Year 4	Courses & Requirements	
	Ten (10) hours of HIST 691	Fall
	Ten (10) hours of HIST 691	Spring
74 hours completed		

Year 5	Courses & Requirements	
	Eleven (11) hours of HIST 691	Fall
	Eleven (11) hours of HIST 691 (if MA - THO)	Spring
*Students are strongly advised to complete foreign language study before their first semester of graduate work at Texas A&M.		
**Enrolment in summer <u>may</u> shorten time to graduation.		
96 hours completed		