

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

Year 1	Recommendations	
	HIST 628	Fall (9 hours)
	HIST 631 or HIST 643 (<i>or approved substitute for HIST 643</i>)	
	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 (<i>or approved substitute for HIST 644</i>)	Spring (9 hours)
	HIST 629	
	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	Recommendations	
	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	Recommendations	
	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	
	Three (3) Seminars in major, minor, or outside field – <u>OR</u>	Spring (9 hours)
	Two (2) Seminars and One (1) 685	
PhD Qualifying Examination to be taken between March 1 and April 1		
April 1-30 – <i>distribute dissertation proposal to committee – defend dissertation proposal by May 15</i>		
Dissertation research in summer		
54 hours completed		

Year 4	Recommendations	
	Ten (10) hours of HIST 691	Fall
	Ten (10) hours of HIST 691	Spring
74 hours completed		

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