

Why a Master's Degree in History?

An M.A. degree in history from Rutgers-Camden offers excellent preparation for:

- A Ph.D. in history
- A wide variety of careers in public history (including museums, historic sites, national parks, archives, libraries, television documentaries, digital archives, museum ships, historic preservation, etc.)
- Teaching history or social science at a private or public school
- Work in a vast number of fields requiring strong reading, writing, and analytical skills



About Our Students

The Rutgers-Camden History M.A. program enrolls a select cohort of 10-15 students each year. Our students come from all across the country, and many different backgrounds. Their prior career paths and future goals are equally diverse. Some students aim to continue on to a Ph.D., and we have a strong record of placing them in top programs with full funding. Others aim for public history jobs, and we prepare them to find public-facing work at museums and other institutions.

About Rutgers-Camden

Ranked 49th among all public universities in the 2023 U.S. News ratings, Rutgers University-Camden combines the resources of the broader Rutgers research university with an intimate scale similar to a small liberal arts college, allowing our world-renowned faculty to closely supervise and mentor graduate students in small, discussion-based seminars.



Greater Philadelphia

Located just across the Ben Franklin Bridge from downtown Philadelphia, Rutgers-Camden's beautiful yet intimate 40-acre campus offers easy access to a wealth of cultural and historical resources, including one of the largest concentrations of U.S. historical sites in the nation, and numerous archives, libraries, museums, and other institutions of historical relevance.

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**HISTORY
DEPARTMENT**

**MASTER'S
PROGRAM**

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Our flexible, thoughtfully-designed program compares favorably to History M.A. programs at elite institutions, and stands out in 3 important ways:

1) **Generous funding** for accepted students, including fellowships, merit scholarships, course assistantships, research assistantships, out-of-state tuition remission, and research and conference travel grants. We are proud that every single one of our admitted students receives at least some funding to offset tuition, including some fellowship packages that fully cover tuition and even provide a stipend.

2) **Distinct and coherent “tracks”** in U.S. History, Public History, Global History, Legal History, Early Modern History, and Modern History allow students to tailor their journey to fit their individual needs and interests, while providing structure and guidance.

3) Rather than an M.A. thesis too long for an article but too short to be a book, our program helps **students craft two highly-polished, original research papers**, developed across two, 2-course sequences, at a perfect length to submit to academic journals or as Ph.D. writing samples



Student Success

Recent graduates from our M.A. program have been accepted with funding into top Ph.D. programs, such as Brandeis, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, the CUNY Graduate Center, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Purdue, Temple, UC-Santa Barbara, UNC-Chapel Hill, UT-Austin, the University of Virginia, and many others.

Other recent grads found immediate employment at institutions including the 9/11 Memorial; the Alice Paul Institute; the American Philosophical Society; the National Archives in Philadelphia; the Battleship New Jersey; the Campbell's Soup Corporate Archives; the Historical Society of Pennsylvania; the Museum of the American Revolution; the National Holocaust Museum; the Philadelphia City Archives; the Princeton University Archives; and the Science History Institute, among many, many others.

About Our Department

Located on historic Cooper Street in Camden, New Jersey, the Rutgers-Camden History Department is home to 10 tenure-line faculty members, all of whom are involved in teaching and mentoring our graduate students. Because we do not have a History Ph.D. program on the Camden campus, we treat our M.A. program as our flagship program. As a group, we have particular strengths in American, African American, European, Public, and Global history, with additional areas of expertise in East Asian, Latin American, Caribbean, Military, and Ancient history. Thematically, our interests range broadly, from the history of capitalism, to environmental history, to gender & sexuality, to visual and material culture, to the history of global imperialism, among others.



Applying to the Program

To apply, submit an undergraduate transcript; 2 letters of recommendation, a writing sample of 15 pages or fewer; and a personal statement of 1-2 pages. No standardized test scores are required.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year, but to ensure full consideration for fellowships and scholarships for the following fall, please apply by January 1.

<https://history.camden.rutgers.edu/graduate-program/>

