

Student Learning Outcomes for M.A. in History – Thesis Option

The History Department at Kansas State University is committed to rigorous and analytical work in the field of history. Those who complete a Master's thesis and graduate with an M.A. in History should have achieved the following four skills:

- (1) **Historical Factual Knowledge:** An advanced level of historical factual knowledge relevant to one's individual fields of historical study.
- (2) **Historiographic Skills:** An understanding of the significance of historiography and mastery of the historiographic arguments central to one's individual area(s) of research or teaching.
- (3) **Communications Skills:** The ability to express oneself clearly, accurately, and professionally in both the oral and written forms.
- (4) **Research Methodology:** The ability to conduct research appropriate to writing an MA thesis, including the ability to recognize the importance of both primary and secondary sources and the ability to conduct appropriate critical analysis of historical evidence.