



**University of Houston-Downtown  
College of Public Service  
Department of Urban Education**

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)  
With Area of Expertise in History**

The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) with Area of Expertise in History is designed to prepare students to teach high school history, dual credit high school/college history and university-level history courses. Students take six courses in the History Department and six courses in the Department of Urban Education. The courses in this program are taught utilizing a combination of face-to-face, online, and hybrid instruction.

**Learning Outcomes**

1. Demonstrate competency in critical thinking and problem solving.
2. Recount major historical works and historiographical debates in at least two content areas.
3. Generate explanations of the causes and consequences of historical events and place events into their proper historical context, based on their analysis of primary and secondary sources.
4. Collect and organize both primary and secondary sources using both electronic and print materials.
5. Write clear and convincing essays, including formal research papers that follow standard academic convention within the field of history.
6. Implement effective teaching practices that enhance student achievement for all students.

**History Coursework (six courses)**

Required Course (1 course)

HIST 5302 Historian's Craft

US History (choose 3 courses)

HIST 5303 Seminar in U. S. History

HIST 5304 From Colonization to Revolution, 1607- ca. 1800

HIST 5311 Studies in the History of American Education

HIST 5321 Studies in Mexican-American History

HIST 5331 History and Nostalgia

HIST 6303 Seminar in Texas History

HIST 6304 Slavery and Freedom in the United States

World History (choose 1 course)

HIST 5310 Nazi Germany

HIST 6301 Seminar in Modern European History

HIST 6320 Slavery in the Americas Proseminar

Elective (choose 1 course) (non-reusable from the above areas)

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#### **Education Coursework (six courses)**

MAT 6310 Reading in a Multicultural Classroom (fall)  
MAT 6316 Advanced Methods for the Culturally Diverse Classroom (fall)  
MAT 5319 Social Studies Methods (spring)  
ETC 5301 Technology Application for Curriculum Development and Instruction (summer)  
MAT 6317 Classroom-Based Research (spring)  
MAT 6390 Directed Study in Urban Education (fall, spring, and summer)

#### **How to Apply and Admission Requirements**

- Apply for the UHD MAT program: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) (Clearly state you are applying for the MAT in History on your application and in your personal statement)
- Submit official transcripts that depict an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Submit GRE scores: Quantitative, Verbal, and Analytical Writing (Note: No GRE scores are required if your undergraduate GPA or last 60-hours GPA is 3.0 or higher)
- Submit three professional recommendation forms using the MAT Recommendation Form: [https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/MAT\\_Recommendation\\_Form\\_apr10.pdf](https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/MAT_Recommendation_Form_apr10.pdf)
- Submit a written personal statement of 250 words explaining why you want to pursue an MAT in History
- Submit a history research paper of approximately 3,750 words in length. This writing sample should demonstrate the candidate's competency in both writing and historical research.
- Submit TOEFL scores (if baccalaureate degree coursework was in a language other than English)
- Submit all materials via [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) or to Mr. Rubenjack Long in UHD Graduate Admissions (Office: N-353, [longr@uhd.edu](mailto:longr@uhd.edu), 713-223-7935)
- Application Due: August 15<sup>th</sup> for Fall, January 19<sup>th</sup> for Spring, and May 31<sup>st</sup> for Summer
- For admission assistance or to check if your application is complete, please contact Mr. Rubenjack Long at UHD Graduate Admissions (contact information above).

*The MAT degree program requires completion of a minimum of 36 semester credit hours. For degree completion, at least 30 hours must be completed at UH-Downtown with a grade point average of 3.0. In addition, students must successfully complete a directed studies project (MAT 6390) with approval of the MAT in History mentor and under the supervision of an appointed faculty advisor. This master's degree does not include initial Texas Teacher Certification.*

#### **Total MAT Tuition/Fees (12 classes)**

\$13,908 (Texas resident, based on Fall 2016 tuition/fees, taking two classes per semester)

Note: Tuition prices can change, and taking fewer than two classes per semester will raise the total program price of tuition/fees. This program cost estimate does not include books, materials, and living expenses. Tuition for non-Texas residents and international students is higher. UHD Graduate Tuition/Fees information is available here: <https://www.uhd.edu/student-resources/cashiers/Pages/cashiers-grad-tuition2017.aspx>

### **Scholarship Assistance**

All UHD MAT students are encouraged to apply for the Gordon and Mary Cain Graduate Academic Merit Scholarship. This scholarship will pay for half the price of UHD MAT tuition/fees for a semester. Students can earn this scholarship more than once during the course of their MAT program. Application: [https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/scholarship-graduate-gordon\\_mary\\_cain.pdf](https://www.uhd.edu/academics/public-service/urban-education/Documents/scholarship-graduate-gordon_mary_cain.pdf)

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**UHD MAT Website:** [www.uhd.edu/mat](http://www.uhd.edu/mat)