

Teaching and Examination Regulations

Master's programme in History Faculty of Humanities

Academic year 2019-2020

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Section B1: Programme specific – general provisions

6. General programme information and characteristics

Article 6.1 Study programme information

1. The programme History CROHO number 660345 is offered on a full-time basis.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 i)
2. The language of instruction of the specializations Religion and Society, Medical and Health Humanities, and Global History and International Studies is English. The language of instruction of the specialization Politiek en soevereiniteit is Dutch.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)

Article 6.2 Teaching formats used and modes of assessment

1. The degree programme uses the following teaching formats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture • Seminar • Tutorials 	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 x)
2. The degree programme uses the following modes of assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written examination • Oral examination • Written assignment • Participation • Presentation • Paper • Essay • Work placement report • Thesis 	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 l)

Article 6.3 Academic student counselling

1. The programme offers the following counselling in addition to the student counselling mentioned in Section A: mentorship from the programme.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 u)
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7. Further admission requirements

Article 7.1 Intake date(s)

The programme starts on September 1.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
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Article 7.2 Admission requirements

1. Admission to the Master's programme is possible for an applicant who has obtained a WO Bachelor's degree in History. Admission on the basis of another, related WO bachelor's degree (e.g. European Studies, Anthropology, Politicology, Cultural Studies and Religious Studies) is to be assessed by the Admissions Boards.	Partly legal provision & ordinance CvB. Admission requirements excepted from participation in WHW
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2. The Admissions Board will investigate whether the applicant meets the admission requirements.	Legal provision
3. In addition to the requirements referred to in the first paragraph, the Admissions Board can also assess requests for admission in terms of (at least two of) the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transcript of records (scan of the original) b. Overview of courses and literature 	Partly legal provision & ordinance CvB. Admission requirements excepted from participation in WHW

Article 7.3 English language requirement for English-language Master's programmes or English-language specializations

1. In deviation from the language proficiency requirements as stated in the Application and registration regulation (RAI) an applicant should demonstrate that he or she has sufficient level of proficiency in English by meeting at least one of the following standards, no more than two (2) years before the start of the programme at the VU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (academic) IELTS (>6.5) : 7.0, with a minimum of 6.5 on each component - TOEFL paper based test (> 580): 600, with a minimum of 55 on each component - TOEFL internet based test (> 92): 100, with a minimum of 20-23 on each component - het Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) of het Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English (CAE), score A, B, or C 	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
2. Applicants who: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) completed an English-taught secondary or higher education degree in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia or b) have earned a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an English-taught programme accredited by NVAO in the Netherlands, or c) have earned a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an accredited English-taught programme in another member state of the European Union are exempted from the requirements referred to in paragraph 1.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)

Article 7.4 Pre-Master's programme

1. a) Students with a Bachelor's degree of a university of applied science (HBO) in a field that corresponds to a sufficient extent with the subject area covered by the Master's programme can request admission to the pre-Master's programme. b) Students with a WO Bachelor's degree from an institution of academic higher education in a field that does not sufficiently corresponds with the subject area covered by the Master's programme can request admission to the pre-Master's programme.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
2. Further prerequisites for admission to the Religion and Society, Medical and Health Humanities and Global History and International Studies premaster's programme are: to meet the English language requirements as set out in Article 7.3.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
3. The pre-Master's programme can be found in appendix 3. The premaster's assessment for HBO students is part of the admission to the premaster's programme. This assessment is binding.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (9.38 sub b)
4. A successfully completed pre-Master's programme serves as proof of admission to the specified Master's programme in the subsequent academic year. The condition for obtaining a certificate is that all courses belonging to the premaster's programme have been passed within one academic year.	Legal provision
5. A candidate can only participate in one pre-Master's programme at the Vrije Universiteit.	Ordinance CvB.

8. Interim examinations and results

Article 8.1 Sequence of interim examinations

1. A student must have obtained a minimum of 24 EC before the master's thesis can be started.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 h, s & t)
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Article 8.2 Validity period for results

1. If the exam shows that a student's knowledge is insufficient or outdated, or if the student's skills evaluated in the exam are demonstrably outdated, the Examination Board may impose a supplementary or replacement examination for a course for which an examination was passed more than 6 years ago.	Advice OLC; approval FGV (7.13 k)
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Section B2: Programme specific – content of programme

9. Programme objectives, specializations and exit qualifications

Article 9.1 Workload

1. The programme has a workload of 60 EC	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
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Article 9.2 Specializations

The programme has the following specializations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Politiek en Soevereiniteit; - Religion and Society; - Medical and Health Humanities; - Global History and International Studies. 	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
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Article 9.3 Programme objective

See appendix 2.	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
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Article 9.4 Exit qualifications

1. See appendix 2.	Approval OLC (7.13 c)
2. Language proficiency may be taken into account in the assessment of (interim) examinations.	Approval OLC (7.13 c)

10. Curriculum structure

Article 10.1 Composition of the programme

1. The programme comprises at least a package of compulsory components and an individual Master's thesis or academic internship.	Ordinance CvB.
2. Additionally the programme can offer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Practical exercises - Electives 	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
3. Educational components are categorized as specialized (400), research oriented (500) and highly specialized (600) level.	Ordinance CvB

Article 10.2 Compulsory educational components

See appendix 4. A detailed description per educational component can be found in the Study Guide.	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
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Article 10.3 Elective educational components

1. See appendix 4. A detailed description per educational component can be found in the Study Guide.	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)
2. If the student wishes to take a different educational component than listed, advance permission must be obtained in writing from the Examinations Board.	Advice OLC; (7.13 a)

Article 10.4 Practical exercise

The following components can be considered as practical exercises:				Approval OLC (7.13 d)
Name of educational component	course code	nr of EC	level	
MA Thesis Colloquium History	L_GAMAGESCOL	0	400	
MA Thesis History	L_GAMAGESSCR	18	400	
Internship Master History	L_GAMAGESSTA	6	400	
Internship Medical History	L_GAMAGMHSTA	6	400	

Article 10.5 Participation in practical training and seminars

1. In the case of a practical training, the student must attend at least 80% of the practical sessions. Should the student attend less than 80%, he or she must repeat the practical training, or the Examinations Board may have one or more supplementary assignments issued.	Approval OLC (7.13 d)
2. In the case of a tutorial, the student must attend at least 80% of the practical sessions. Should the student attend less than 80%, he or she must repeat the practical training, or the Examinations Board may have one or more supplementary assignments issued.	Approval OLC (7.13 d)

11. Evaluation and transitional provisions**Article 11.1 Evaluation of the education**

1. The education provided in this programme is evaluated in accordance with appendix 1. The faculty evaluation plan offers the framework for this.	Approval OLC (7.13 a1)
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Article 11.2 Transitional provisions

See appendix 5.	Advice OLC (7.13 a)
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Advice and approval by the Programme Committee, on 6 June 2019

Approved by the Faculty Joint Assembly, on 28 August 2019

Adopted by the board of the Faculty of Humanities on 29 August 2019

Appendices

[1: Evaluation of the education in the Faculty of Humanities](#)

2: Programme objective and exit qualifications

3: Premaster's programme

4: Programme overview

5: Transitional provisions

Appendix 2:

Programme objective and exit qualifications

Objective

The objective of the degree programme is to educate students to become academics: people who are able to identify and analyse societal changes, who are able to report on their findings at an appropriate level making use of the attitudes, methods, techniques and theories that prevail within the discipline, and who are capable of reflecting on their own work. This includes due regard for digitization and the influence this has on the practice of history. The objectives of the Master's programme in History are assessed on the basis of the following exit qualifications:

Exit qualifications

1. The programme aims to:

A. impart specialist knowledge, skills and understanding in the field of history to the student, including both general history and in relation to the specialization. This prepares the student to engage in academic practice in the field of History.

There is a particular focus on:

B. the historiographical debate and the path from source to the public domain; and
C. the conceptual problems that are associated with the study of the past.

2. The programme also promotes the academic development of the student; in particular:

A. an independent academic thought process and approach;
B. communication at an academic level in Dutch or English;
C. the application of specialist academic knowledge in order to expand our understanding of society.

3. The programme focuses on supporting the personal development of the student by promoting their awareness of social responsibility and communicative abilities.

Appendix 3**Premaster's programme (in Dutch)**

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	Periode 1	Periode 2	Periode 3	Periode 4	Periode 5	Periode 6
	L_AABAGESACV Academische Vaardigheden (6 ec)		L_AABAGES203 Archivistiek en Paleografie (6 ec)	L_AABAALG207 History of Knowledge (6 ec)		
	L_GCBAGES218 Theory of History (6 ec)		<i>of</i> L_AABAGES208 Oral History & Biography (6 ec) <i>of</i> L_AABAGES202 Geschiedenis en sociale weten- schappen <i>of</i> L_AABAGES209 History & Social Sciences (6 ec)			
	1 BA 2 ^e jaarsmodule (6 ec) (L_AABAOHW102, L_GABAGES212, L_GABAGES221, L_GCBAALG008, L_GEBAGES213)			1 BA 3 ^e jaars werkcollege (9 ec) (L_GABAGES317, L_GABAGES318, L_GABAGES319)		
	L_GABAGSECOL Scriptie colloquium 1e semester			<i>of</i>	L_GABAGESCOL Scriptie colloquium 2e semester (3 ec)	
				L_GxBAGESSCR Scriptie (9 ec) (L_GCBAGESSCR, L_GEBAGESSCR, L_GMBAGESSCR, L_GNBAGESSCR, L_GWBAGESSCR)		

Appendix 4**Programme overview****Master History 2019-2020**

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	period 1	period 2 and 3	period 4	period 5	period 6
Year 1	From Source to Public (6 ec)	Slavery, Abolition and Compensation in the Dutch Colonies in			

		the West and in the East (6 ec)			
	Key Works in Contemporary Historical Thought (6 ec)	History and Theory (6 ec)	Tutorial * or Internship * (6 ec)		
	MA colloquium/ Graduate School		+ Thesis	(18 ec)	
Politiek en soevereiniteit		<p>Politieke corruptie en goed bestuur in de moderne tijd (<i>tutorial</i>) or choose MA Political Science elective:</p> <p>Selected Issues: European Politics and Policymaking</p> <p>Selected Issues: Global Environmental Governance</p> <p>Selected Issues: International Security (6 ec)</p>	Specialisation Tutorial	(6 ec)	
Religion and Society		From Constantine to Muhammad: Religion & Society in Late Antiquity (6 ec)	Specialisation Tutorial	(6 ec)	
Global History and International Studies		History of Natural Disasters (<i>tutorial</i>) (6 ec)	Specialisation Tutorial	(6 ec)	
Medical and Health Humanities		Choose one of the Specialisation Courses (6 ec)	Introduction to Medical & Health Humanities or Knowing by Sensing (6 ec)	Medicine and Society or Objects of Knowledge in the Medical and Health Humanities (6 ec)	

* Students Medical and Health Humanities have no option of Tutorial or Internship (6 ec) in period 4 & 5

Appendix 5
Transitional provisions

The following courses from Ma History, specialization Politiek en soevereiniteit, have lapsed:

The following courses from Ma History, specialization History of Knowledge, have lapsed:

Old module		New module	
L_GAMAGES024	Race, Religion and Profit in the Atlantic World, 17 th -19 th c. (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES031	Slavery, Abolition and Compensation in the Dutch Colonies in the West and in the East
L_GAMAGES027	Idealen en macht in de Derde Wereld		Specialisation Tutorial

The following courses from Ma History, specialization Religion and Society, have lapsed:

Old module		New module	
L_GAMAGES024	Race, Religion and Profit in the Atlantic World, 17 th -19 th c. (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES031	Slavery, Abolition and Compensation in the Dutch Colonies in the West and in the East
X_400424	Science and Society in Historical Perspective		Specialisation Tutorial
L_GAMAGES025	Globalizing Knowledge (6 ec)		Choose one of the Specialisation Courses

The following courses from Ma History, specialization Global Social History, have lapsed:

Old module		New module	
L_GAMAGES024	Race, Religion and Profit in the Atlantic World, 17 th -19 th c. (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES031	Slavery, Abolition and Compensation in the Dutch Colonies in the West and in the East
L_GAMAGES030	The Long History of European Reformations (6 ec)		Specialisation Tutorial

Old module		New module	
L_GAMAGES024	Race, Religion and Profit in the Atlantic World, 17 th -19 th c. (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES031	Slavery, Abolition and Compensation in the Dutch Colonies in the West and in the East
L_GEMAGES014	Europe and the US since 1945 (6 ec)		Specialisation Tutorial

The following courses from Ma History, specialization Migration and Mobility, have lapsed:

The following courses from Ma History, specialization Medical History, have lapsed:

Old module		New module	
L_GAMAGES024	Race, Religion and Profit in the Atlantic World, 17 th -19 th c. (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES031	Slavery, Abolition and Compensation in the Dutch Colonies in the West and in the East
L_GAMAGES029	Topics in the History and Anthropology of Mobility		Specialisation Tutorial
L_GAMAGES021	Migrations and Circulations	L_GEMAGES012	History of Natural Disasters (Tutorial)

Old module		New module	
L_GAMAGES024	Race, Religion and Profit in the Atlantic World, 17 th -19 th c. (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES031	Slavery, Abolition and Compensation in the Dutch Colonies in the West and in the East
L_GNMAGES011	Introduction to Medical History 1 (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES033	Introduction to Medical and Health Humanities
L_GNMAGES012	Introduction to Medical History 2 (6 ec)	L_GAMAGES035	Medicine and Society
L_GAMAGES025	Globalizing Knowledge (6 ec)		Choose one of the Specialisation Courses