HIST-5190-005, Thesis Research and Writing  
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By individual appointment

**Course Description: Thesis**

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A 1 to 6-hour course dedicated to research and writing connected to the completion of the M. A. thesis.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

The SFA History Department has identified the following Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for all SFA students earning an M.A. degree in History:

1. The student will be able to explain the key issues and developments in at least two historical periods (one per course).
2. The student will be able to identify the main historical works and interpretive debates associated with an event or period.
3. The student will be able to locate, identify, and critically analyze primary sources.
4. The student will be able to research and analyze effectively an issue or topic in writing.
5. The student will be able to present written work in an appropriate academic style, including the proper citation of sources using Chicago Manual of Style (15th or most recent edition).

This course will incorporate to varying degrees all of these PLOS, with a particular emphasis on PLOs 3, 4, and 5. The Student Learning Outcome is to complete and successfully defend the M. A. thesis.

**Texts and Materials:**

These will be assigned as needed for the student’s specific research. The student should have access to a reliable computer and sufficient backup storage to ensure no loss of work.

**Course Requirements:**

The student is expected to show advancement in both research and writing. This may occur linearly or simultaneously depending upon the thesis capstone project. Revisions should be made promptly and all edits and corrections done as directed. All formatting should follow graduate school requirements and all referencing should follow the newest edition of the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

**Course Calendar:**

The student and instructor will develop a series of submission and revision deadlines based upon the student’s current progress as well as the graduate school’s deadlines.
Grading Policy:

The grade will be WH until the successful defense and submission of a final thesis that meets all departmental and graduate school expectations.

Attendance Policy:

Regular and punctual attendance is expected. (See Class-Attendance, 02-102, Sept. 1, 2023 for more information)