

DOCTORAL

## History

College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of History

SIUE



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### History Cooperative PhD

The cooperative PhD with SIU Carbondale provides students with expertise in historical methodology and research, as well as subject-area expertise within the various fields of history.

Students may concentrate in any of the fields where there is faculty expertise, including, but not limited to:

- African History
- African American History
- Ancient History
- Asian History
- Atlantic World History
- Environmental History
- European History (Ancient-Medieval-Renaissance-Early Modern-Modern)
- Latin American History (Colonial-Modern)
- Middle Eastern History
- Native American History
- United States History (Colonial-Antebellum-late 19th Century-20th Century)
- Urban History

### Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the SIUE and SIUC Graduate Schools and must be approved by both the SIUE and SIUC History departments.

- Master's degree in history or closely related field
- If applicant has non-history master's, must have at least 18 credit hours of history at the undergraduate level carrying a GPA in history of 3.0 or above.
- Non-native English speakers must demonstrate English proficiency in their application

### Application Process

Some application materials must be sent to SIUE while some must be sent to SIUC. Follow the instructions below to ensure your application review is not delayed. Documents under each institution must be received by that institution before applications will be reviewed by that institution.

### SIUE Application

Applicants must complete the online application. Preferred application deadlines are February 1 for fall applications and November 1 for spring applications.

The following documents must be uploaded to your online application:

- \$40 application fee
- Official bachelor's transcript
- Official master's transcript
- A 15-25 page writing sample demonstrating applicant's competence in historic research and writing
- A personal statement outlining applicant's historical experience, areas of historical interest and goals
- Three letters of recommendation from those who know the applicant's previous historical work the best

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## SIUE Application Cont.

- International Students
  - Official TOEFL Score (institution code 1759)

Official transcripts must be sent electronically to [siueapps@siue.edu](mailto:siueapps@siue.edu) directly from the institution or mailed to:

SIUE Graduate and International Admissions  
History Co-op PhD  
Campus Box 1047  
Edwardsville, IL 62026-1047

## SIUC Application

- Review happens concurrently, and all applicants need to submit an electronic application.
  - Create an account
  - Program selection will be Historical Studies
  - Degree selection will be PhD
- When asked to provide letters of recommendation, enter SIUE as the recommender with the email address of [siueapps@siue.edu](mailto:siueapps@siue.edu)
  - This will allow SIUE to attach the letters of recommendation already submitted to SIUE to SIUC
- International students
  - Financial Statement
    - This document is found at the end of the SIUC application. It must be completed even if you have been promised an assistantship.
    - Before you can be admitted, it is necessary for you to indicate that a minimum of U.S. \$40,500 will be available to you for each year of your proposed course of study.
    - Be sure to indicate if your studies are totally dependent upon an assistantship or if you have personal funds to fulfill this requirement.
    - If you have personal funds, be sure to submit official documentation of funds and amounts via a recent bank statement.
    - Copy of Passport showing your name, date of birth, and country of citizenship
- Current SIUC non-refundable application fee in US dollars (credit card only)

## Admission Process

The Graduate Committees of both SIUE and SIUC's Departments of History will review the applications submitted to their respective universities. Upon joint acceptance by the two departments, applicants will be referred to each university's respective Graduate Schools for final admission. Students will enter SIUE as unclassified graduate students and will enter SIUC as classified graduate students in history.

Admission to the program will be granted by SIUC.

## Graduation Requirements

The doctoral degree is conferred by Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Students must apply for graduation and pay application fees by the deadline via SalukiNET.

## Curriculum

The doctoral program requires a minimum of 24 semester hours of coursework and 24 hours of dissertation research. The coursework is to be comprised of program requirements and elective course requirements.

Following completion of coursework, students must pass comprehensive field examinations and an oral defense of their dissertation prospectus before being advanced to candidacy. Completion of the PhD also requires an oral defense of the dissertation. Exam and dissertation committees will be comprised of faculty from both SIUE and SIUC.

## Core requirements

- Students will complete six to eight hours in Historiography/Methodology and Historical Research

## Elective Requirements

- Minimum of 16 additional hours of coursework at the 400- or 500-level to provide substantial depth in areas of research and breadth in examination fields. Full-time students typically complete upwards of 40 credit hours prior to their exams. The courses and credit hours necessary for a doctoral student to prepare for preliminary examinations will be determined by the student's advisory committee.

## Campus Requirements

- At least six credit hours must be taken in non-European and non-United States history
- Students must also demonstrate competency in at least two research tools, at least one must consist of a foreign language
- No more than 14 credit hours total may be taken as independent study, tutorial, or directed readings courses
- Students must complete at least eight credit hours of coursework at SIUC

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