Graduate Programs
The Department of History offers three specializations leading to the Master of Arts in History. The first is the traditional History graduate degree with the option of completing a thesis or internship. The Public History specialization trains students in the various aspects of public, or applied, history and requires the completion of an internship. The third specialization, Historic Preservation, is interdisciplinary in nature, and students have the option of completing a thesis or internship.

Mission Statement
The Department of History seeks to provide students with a broad knowledge base in the discipline of history and highly refined research, writing, and critical thinking skills. The Department seeks to provide a foundation for better understanding the world in which we live, to produce high quality scholarship that makes a significant contribution to the discipline, and to serve community needs by providing a source for historical information and expertise crucial to preserving the region’s heritage, especially Northwest Florida.

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of the graduate program in History, the graduate will be able to do the following:

Content
Summarize and interpret at an advanced level the general content knowledge of history and the influential works, theories, and methods in history, public history, or historic preservation.

• Recognize and apply concepts and principles in the discipline of history.
• Identify key elements in understanding history, such as: historical contexts; political and social developments; cultural achievements; social, economic, and political boundaries; major figures; and events.
• Demonstrate an advanced understanding of relevant historiography (influential works of historians, past and present), theories, and methods.

Critical Thinking
Demonstrate advanced critical thinking through the effective application of historical research and methodology:

• Critically evaluate, interpret, and synthesize secondary and primary sources.
• Utilize relevant historical theories and methods to analyze evidence.
• Select appropriate methods for gathering and interpreting evidence to solve a historical problem.
• Analyze the historiography in the chosen area of study.