

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
 College of Arts and Sciences
History MA Program
Integrated Program Matrix
Synthesis & Revision – July 2008

University and Program Learning Goals and Outcomes	Program Assessment Plan and Criteria	Use of Assessment Results for Continuous Program Improvement 2008-09 (Due October 09)		
	<p>Program Statement of Purpose: This program aims to advance students' skills in historical research and related work, and to enable them to develop a sophisticated and complex understanding of a range of historical events, issues and debates within a global context. It is intended to prepare students for further academic study (Ph.D. programs in history or related subjects) and to equip them with the necessary skills to think critically and to practice history in the public realm and private sector as business professionals and educators, as well as filling the role of public historian in today's globalized societies.</p>	<p>First assessment will be completed at the end of the second year of the program with the first group of graduating students.</p>		

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<p><u>Critical Thinking Skills</u> (University Level)</p> <p>Graduates of advanced degree programs at Florida Gulf Coast University will:</p> <p>Demonstrate excellence in critical thinking, problem solving, analysis, and strategic planning.</p> <p><u>Critical Thinking Skills</u> (Program Level)</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think systematically about society, politics, and culture • To analyze and evaluate historical texts, including primary and secondary sources, in complex manner • To demonstrate knowledge of historical theories and philosophies through their own writing and research • To perform advanced historical research that engages with interdisciplinary perspectives, adds to scholarly understanding, or provides challenging perspectives 	<p><u>Plan:</u> The Program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use specific rubrics to measure the level of critical analysis in all MA exams, research papers, and MA theses. • Use specific rubrics to measure the degree of inter-disciplinary research, original scholarship and astute argumentation in all MA exams, research papers, and MA theses. 	<p>First assessment will be completed at the end of the second year of the program with the first group of graduating students.</p>		

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<p><u>Effective Communication</u> (University Level)</p> <p>Graduates of advanced degree programs at Florida Gulf Coast University will:</p> <p>Demonstrate effective use of a variety of communication skills and modalities</p> <p><u>Effective Communication</u> (Program Level)</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create sophisticated and professionally informed written works and to employ prose that is clear and effective. • Advance research ideas and findings in an oral fashion. 	<p><u>Plan:</u> The Program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use specific rubrics to measure the level of effective written communication in all MA exams, papers and theses. • Use the course requirement for research seminars to present research statement and to report on proceeding of research in oral form. 	<p>First assessment will be completed at the end of the second year of the program with the first group of graduating students.</p>		

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<p><u>Professional and Technical Expertise</u> (University Level)</p> <p>Graduates of advanced degree programs at Florida Gulf Coast University will:</p> <p>Exhibit professional and technical expertise consistent with discipline and/or content area accrediting or licensing bodies</p> <p><u>Professional and Technical Expertise</u> (Program Level)</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To express a scholarship-based understanding of key historiographical theories and philosophies, and their application to a variety of historical subject matters. • To evaluate and deconstruct a range of historical texts. • To conduct advanced historical research and scholarship, using relevant resources and databases that will foster continuing enquiry. • To employ their knowledge of the conventions and methods of history to offer other students in their seminars useful advice about their research projects. 	<p><u>Plan:</u> The Program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use specific rubrics to measure the level of scholarly understanding in MA exams, theses, and selected papers. • Use specific rubrics to measure the level of competency in applying critical approaches in all MA exams and theses, and in selected papers. 	<p>First assessment will be completed at the end of the second year of the program with the first group of graduating students.</p>		

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<p><u>Leadership Skills</u> (University Level)</p> <p>Graduates of advanced degree programs at Florida Gulf Coast University will:</p> <p>Be prepared for leadership roles in professional and occupational areas and in communities in which they live and work.</p> <p><u>Leadership Skills</u> (Program Level)</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To analyze various ethical and professional issues that emanate from historical scholarship. • To synthesize diverse perspectives and values that inform historical works and their reception and audiences. 	<p><u>Plan:</u> The Program will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use specific rubrics to measure the level of ethical and professional awareness in all MA exams, research papers, and MA theses. • Use specific rubrics to measure the level of consideration of diversity in all MA exams, research papers, and MA theses. 	<p>First assessment will be completed at the end of the second year of the program with the first group of graduating students.</p>		

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<p><u>Continuing Learning</u> (University Level)</p> <p>Graduates of advanced degree programs at Florida Gulf Coast University will:</p> <p>Demonstrate the capacity for continuing learning, growth and scholarly activity in their respective disciplines and fields of study.</p> <p><u>Continuing Learning</u> (Program Level)</p> <p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To engage in historical research and apply that research in writing. • To use the intellectual tools necessary for leadership and participation in global civic culture. 	<p><u>Plan</u>: Successful completion of MA requirements.</p>	<p>First assessment will be completed at the end of the second year of the program with the first group of graduating students.</p>		