NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN HISTORY
CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS
Graduate Catalog 2007-08 or Later

Name: ________________________________  Primary Field: ________________________________

Secondary Field: ________________________________

A. COURSE REQUIREMENTS (Fill in details on course form.)

1. At least 30 hours in all.
2. At least 18 hours (including research) in primary field.
3. At least 6 hours in a secondary field with a grade of B or better.
4. At least 24 of the 30 hours in history courses.
   At least 9 of the 30 hours in reading seminars (any field). Independent investigation (736) may not be substituted for reading seminars.
5. No more than 12 hours at 500 level.

B. RESEARCH REQUIREMENT

   At least 9 hours of research in primary field. Normally fulfilled by two 3-hour research seminars and one independent research course (756).

   Approved research paper filed in the History Graduate Office. Rarely do M.A.s in history take the thesis option. A thesis must be defended and approved not only by the department, but also by the Graduate School.

C. RESEARCH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT (These are minimum requirements: option chosen must be consistent with research interests and have the approval of the field advisor. Quantitative methods requires approval of the department.)

   EITHER
   (a) average proficiency in one foreign language as defined by the Graduate School
   OR
   (b) average proficiency in quantitative methods as defined by the History Department and Grad Advisor (see Handbook)

Note: Students majoring in United States history who do not intend to apply to the Ph.D. program are not required to demonstrate this proficiency.

D. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

By two historiographical papers in the major field. Topics are to be decided by the two examiners. The papers are due in the History Office by the deadline established by the Graduate School (around the ninth week of a given semester) in the student’s final semester of the M.A.

AN OPTIONAL FOLLOW-UP ORAL EXAM MAY BE REQUESTED BY EITHER THE STUDENT OR THE COMMITTEE.

E. APPLY FOR GRADUATION TO GRADUATE SCHOOL by a deadline established each semester.