

University of Pennsylvania - Department of History

Admissions Report

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Applications	PhD - 380 MA - 33	PhD - 388 MA - 35	PhD - 327 MA - 21	PhD - 327 MA - 32	PhD - 310 MA - 35
Admitted	PhD - 32 MA - 4	PhD - 29 MA - 4	PhD - 36 MA - 7	PhD - 31 MA - 5	PhD - 30 MA - 16
Matriculated	PhD - 15 MA - 2	PhD - 15 MA - 4	PhD - 18 MA - 4	PhD - 16 MA - 2	PhD - 13 MA - 5

Admission to the graduate program in history at Penn is very competitive. Over the last five years, the History Department has accepted an average of ten percent of applicants to the Ph.D. program. Our graduate students come from a wide range of undergraduate and graduate institutions, including small liberal arts colleges, major research universities, and both public and private universities. Nearly all admitted students have a high grade point average in history or a related discipline. Average GRE scores for admitted students range from the high 600 to mid-700 range, although we reject many students with higher scores and accept some with lower scores. Our classes are diverse. Half of our current students are women; half are men. About fifteen percent of our students are from overseas. The department also encourages applications from racial and ethnic minorities; they comprise about fifteen percent of our current students. All of our Ph.D. students are admitted with fellowship support; all are students on a full time basis. Most terminal MA students are self-supported or come with external fellowships, grants, or loans; some are enrolled on a part-time basis.