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*Log in to a Distinguished Tradition.*  
**Since 1819.**



MASTER OF ARTS IN  
**Military History**  
*Online*



# Program Overview



## *Program Mission*

**The mission of the Norwich University Master of Arts in Military History program is to provide students with a base of historical knowledge within the field of military history; build an awareness of differing historical interpretations; build the ability to synthesize diverse types of historical knowledge; build and refine student research, writing, analysis, and presentation skills; provide students with an introduction to historical pedagogy; provide students with a foundation for developing a professional identity as an historian; and help students learn to think like an historian as well as develop historiographical sensibilities and historical habits of mind.**

## *Program Outcomes*

- Provide students with the critical thinking, research, writing, and analytical skills necessary for work in the field of teaching at the secondary or post-secondary level, work in public history venues, careers as professional writers, and to prepare students for Ph.D. level work in history.
- Prepare military professionals with the skills necessary for success at staff and war colleges.
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- Build an awareness of differing historical interpretations and the ability to synthesize diverse types of historical knowledge.
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- Provide students with an introduction to historical pedagogy.
- Provide students with a foundation for developing a professional identity as a historian.
- Help students learn to think like a historian and develop historiographical sensibilities and historical habits of mind.

## *Our Tradition. Our Expertise.*

Since 1819, Norwich has played an important role in military history: as the birthplace of ROTC, as an institution whose graduates have fought in every war since its founding, and as the leader among military schools in racial integration and the integration of women into its corps of cadets. Norwich is an institution of great history, substance, and pride.

### **The program is structured as follows:**

- ✓ Four start dates per year: March, June, September, or December.
- ✓ Six credits for each of the six, eleven-week courses.
- ✓ A course of study no longer than 18 months (date of graduation depends on your start date).
- ✓ One-week residency preceding graduation.



*Program Manager,  
Electro-Motive International*

### *Tony Abboreno, Master of Arts in Military History Alumnus*

***“I chose to pursue the military history degree because I want to start battlefield tours and to write and teach at the college level. I chose Norwich because I have always had a love of military history, and the Norwich program was the first I had seen. I had some great professors during the program.”***

## *The Norwich Advantage*

### *In Your Corner. A Motivating Force.*

**If you can dream it, you can accomplish it** — thanks to Norwich University’s expert faculty and dedicated student support advisers. Your team works together to keep you motivated and build the skills needed for a rewarding career. From program start to finish, you’ll never be alone. Our dedicated faculty and program staff are genuinely invested in your success and will go out of their way to provide the mentorship and support you need. Norwich provides 24/7 access and technical support to an online learning platform, enabling you to contribute to class discussions and complete your coursework at any time from any location.



### *Access to Extensive Resources*

The Kreitzberg Library serves all online students and faculty. You will have access to our library’s 100 online databases, 54,000 full-text electronic journals, and hundreds of thousands of e-books.

To help you succeed as an online learner, our dedicated distance learning librarian and reference staff members provide research assistance via email, phone, and chat. Our staff can also ship you books anywhere in the world from our circulating collection of over 140,000 titles, and provide journal articles not available online through our material request services.



# Curriculum

## Overview

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*The military history program is made up of six, six-credit courses for a total of 36 credits. Each course is approximately 11 weeks in length. The program is designed so you can complete the coursework in as few as 18 months. It ends with a one-week residency and graduation ceremony at Norwich University in June. The program offers four start dates per year: March, June, September, and December.*

Your curriculum will include topic-specific courses focused on historical methods and historiography. In your courses you are generally required to complete two short papers, typically 10 pages long, and one long paper. In an effort to introduce you to a variety of different types of history, instructors may have you write book reviews, historiographic essays, book/article analysis papers, or annotated bibliographies.

In each course, you will participate in 10 weeks of asynchronous discussions in small groups. You are required to write discussion postings in response to questions posed by

the instructor about each week's readings. You will also post responses to the comments of your group members, facilitating an interactive and rewarding exchange of ideas.

Students may choose to complete their master's thesis (by petition only) or a capstone paper. The choice of degree completion project may require a longer program of study, a petition supported by letters of recommendation from program faculty, or a selection of an additional elective in Course 6.

## Courses

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Introduction to History and Historiography

Non-Western Military History

Chinese Military History

Global Military History to 1800

Military Thought and Theory

Amphibious Warfare

U.S. Military History

Race and Gender in Military History

Total War

M.A. Thesis or Capstone Course

Directed Readings in Military History



*Security Officer*

### *Nathan Whitten, Master of Arts in Military History Alumnus*

***"I chose Norwich because of its rich history and traditions, connection to the military, and value. Its commitment to create a better type of servant citizen especially appealed to me. Once I started the program I appreciated the professionalism of the faculty. I know other people who have taken online courses for their education and have had difficulty in getting responses back and grades from their instructors. That's not the case at Norwich."***

## *The Norwich Advantage*

### *A Proud Military Tradition*

Our Master of Arts in Military History program reflects, honors, and extends Norwich's proud military heritage. Attracting highly motivated and passionate students from across the country, our rigorous military history graduate program provides an in-depth exploration of the role of the military and war throughout history. Informed by the American Historical Society's guidelines for master's programs in history, our curriculum teaches students to navigate differing historical interpretations, synthesize diverse types of historical knowledge, and develop strong analytical abilities through intensive research and writing assignments.

### *Superb Teacher-Practitioners*

At the heart of our program is our second-to-none military history faculty. They include prolific book authors and editors, sought-after speakers, and nationally recognized experts who regularly present their work at the Society for Military History conferences. In addition to cultivating a highly interactive learning environment, faculty members serve as mentors to students throughout their program of study.

Faculty work closely with students and inspire them to produce their best work, motivate them to reach higher and further than they thought possible, and encourage them to make a difference. The Master of Arts in Military History faculty's mission is to inspire, teach, and mentor the next generation of military historians.





*For leaders who are driven to serve.*

**Leading change takes commitment, compassion, and the skills and knowledge needed to inspire and motivate. Norwich University channels your motivation to serve into a strong ability to lead within your organization and community.**

## *The Norwich Advantage*

*The pace for each course is designed with busy schedules in mind*

Through our flexible online platform, you can access program content and contribute to class discussions on your own schedule and at your own pace each week. This format gives you extra time to contemplate questions and compose well-thought-out responses. Small classes and students from diverse professional and cultural backgrounds foster in-depth discussions and unique perspectives.

*Your learning community can become an invaluable network*

You will progress through the program in small classes called cohorts. Small classes of 16 or fewer students encourage frequent student-student and student-faculty interactions, while a team of dedicated program staff provides students with additional support and guidance as needed. When students enroll at Norwich, they not only gain access to a dynamic learning community but also to an extensive career network of successful alumni from around the globe.

### *Career Preparation*

Norwich University's Master of Arts in Military History program gives you the foundation to teach at the high school and community college level or to pursue a Ph.D. for teaching at the university level. Your degree can also serve as a stepping stone to advancement in a variety of careers. Examples of positions held by our alumni include curator of the Eldred World War II Museum, senior manager of communications at the Boeing Company, archivist at the National Archives & Records Administration, and special agent in the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. If you are currently in the military, the knowledge and credentials gained through our online military history degree program may help you advance within the military or transition to a new career.

### **Residency**

The culmination of the 18 months of study is the one-week residency at the beautiful campus in the Green Mountains of Vermont. Residency is held in June of each year. During residency, students meet to permanently cement their relationships with their cohort and faculty, exchange ideas, create and foster professional networks, and immerse themselves in Norwich campus and legacy.

# Admissions



U.S. Army  
Veteran\*

## Bill Ridgely, Master of Arts in Military History Alumnus

***"I chose Norwich because I was very impressed with the faculty, the institution, and the program. The online delivery made it possible for me to participate in the program even though I live in Wisconsin. Attending NU has been gratifying; not only for the intellectual stimulation, but also for the many fine people I've met through the program, including classmates with whom I forged strong bonds."***

*Norwich seeks goal-oriented individuals who have high standards of personal ethics and have demonstrated excellence in their professional lives and academic studies.*

Applicants should have a desire to make a positive contribution to their field. Selective admissions standards are intended to ensure that those admitted will have the greatest prospect of successfully completing the program and contributing to the field.

Choosing a school to pursue your Master of Arts in Military History is a major decision. We invite you to contact our Admissions Advisors who are available to guide you in your decision-making and provide as much information and assistance as you need.

## Admission Criteria

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally or nationally accredited institution or an equivalent degree from a foreign institution, as evaluated by WES, IERF, Span Tran, or CED
- An undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher (cumulative)
- If English is not your first language, proof of English language proficiency is required. This can be demonstrated in one of two ways:
  - **TOEFL** - a minimum score of 550 (paper-based test) or 80 (internet-based test) is required.
  - **IELTS** - a minimum composite score of 6.5 is required.

## Application Process

**Call an Admissions Advisor to begin the application process and submit the following items:**

- Application form
- Resume
- Official transcript from undergraduate degree-granting institution
- Letter of intent
- Admissions essay demonstrating graduate-level writing and critical thinking skills, or the GRE with the following scores:
  - For GRE tests taken within the past six years:
    - 85th percentile or higher on the verbal test and a 5 or higher on the analytical writing test
- One letter of recommendation (professional or academic)
- Proof of English language proficiency TOEFL, if applicable

## Financial Aid Information

Financing your graduate school education can be a daunting task if you are unfamiliar with the process, timeline, expectations, and options. Norwich University wants to make this process a smooth journey for you.

**To speak with one of our Admissions Advisors about financial aid:**

Call **1-800-460-5597 ext. 3372** or Email **mmh@online.norwich.edu**.

Visit **<https://online.norwich.edu>** for more information.



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## About Norwich University

Founded in 1819, Norwich University is a small, private, not-for-profit university that offers professional and liberal arts programs to military and civilian students. The campus is located in Vermont. The College of Graduate and Continuing Studies builds upon nearly 200 years of Norwich University traditions while offering a variety of degree programs online in a rigorous academic environment. By enrolling in our Master of Arts in Military History program, you'll become part of a long tradition of public service education and leadership at Norwich, which goes all the way back to our founding as the nation's first private military college.



Norwich University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.



Recognized for academic excellence, *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Norwich University in the top 100 for Regional Universities in the North. Rankings are based on undergraduate programs.



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