Program: History M.A. and Ph.D. Program
Rating: Good

The graduate program in history engages students in investigations of historical thought and in research on the historical experiences of humanity in different times and places. The program is a central Iowa humanities program and appears to have viable connections to other units on campus. The doctoral program is highly ranked at 18th among public universities by US News & World Report. The graduate program has a steady applicant pool and selectivity into the program seems modest. Diversity amongst the graduate population is a strength, but the median TTD of 7.8 yrs and % completion of 41% are areas of concern and could be improved. Placement of graduates occurs amongst a variety of academic institutions and is strong. Funding of doctoral students is an issue since numerous years as a TA may slow progress toward the doctoral degree and may contribute to the long TTD. The program should continue to take advantage of funding opportunities that are available to them - including internal SIF funds as well as encouraging students to access the joint effort for external funding for graduate students sponsored by the Graduate College and Sponsored Programs.