Department: History and Philosophy
Program Name: Social Studies Broad Field
Program Level: Graduate
College: Arts and Sciences
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According to the Higher Learning Commission, “Faculty teaching in graduate programs should hold the terminal degree determined by the discipline and have a record of research, scholarship or achievement appropriate for the graduate program.” Several qualifications are considered assets for hire either as an instructional/academic staff or tenure-track faculty member in the History and Social Studies (History Emphasis) program at the University of Wisconsin – River Falls.

Candidates for graduate faculty status have earned a terminal degree (i.e. earned credential), that is a Ph.D. in History.

In addition, they have a record of research, scholarship, and achievement that includes:

- Participation in academic conferences in the field of their research and teaching expertise
- Publication of book reviews and research papers in peer-reviewed journals directly related to their research expertise
- Although not required, publication of a book/monograph in their field of training and specialization is preferred.

According to the Higher Learning Commission, “Tested experience may substitute for an earned credential or portions thereof.” For “tested experience” to substitute for the terminal degree, candidates must have one of the following degrees: This cannot be applied to the faculty and staff members in the History and Social Studies (History Emphasis) program.