Master of Arts in War and Society

A cutting-edge and vibrant field of scholarship, War and Society studies explore topics like genocide, the relationship of service-people and veterans to the state, changing conceptions of the war disabled, the role of race in military affairs, gender and the national military experience, war and the world-wide movement of peoples.

Chapman University is uniquely situated to offer an MA in War & Society. The university houses the newly founded Center for American War Letters, a collection of 80,000 war letters (and growing) and the Sala and Aron Samueli Holocaust Memorial Library — two nationally-acclaimed archives dedicated to the experience of war. Mastering graduate-level writing, research, and critical thinking skills opens up a multitude of possible career paths in education, policy-making, museums, library science, law, non-profits, and business.

Program Admission

Students seeking admission should schedule an interview with the Wilkinson College Graduate Programs Coordinator, Allison Tritch, at (714) 997-6752 or tritch@chapman.edu and with the War and Society Graduate Program Director at (714) 997-6641 to review admission requirements.

Deadline: Rolling
- Official graduation transcripts from baccalaureate degree granting institution indicating completed undergraduate degree.
- Applicants with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.99, may be considered for admission by submitting a satisfactory Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with minimum scores of Verbal: 150, Quantitative: 145, and Analytical Writing: 4.0 or demonstration of significant relevant professional experience.
- A 500-word essay stating reasons for pursuing the M.A. in War and Society.
- A writing sample of 1200 words that demonstrates competency in scholarly writing.
- Two letters of recommendation that speak to academic preparation and aptitude for graduate study.
- Resume

How to Learn More

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Master of Arts in War and Society Degree Requirements

Total number of units: 33
- 9 units of core courses:
  - HIST 500: Historical Approaches to War and Society
  - HIST 696: Master’s Thesis Research and Writing I
  - HIST 698: Master’s Thesis Research and Writing II
- 6 units of History Readings Seminars
- 6 units of History Research Seminars
- 12 units of electives, at least two in a discipline other than history.

Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA after completing 15 units of the program to continue.

Recommended 2-Year Course Schedule

Beginning In Fall:

Year One
Fall:
- HIST 500: Historical Approaches to War and Society
- HIST 501: History Readings Seminar in War and Society
- Elective

Spring:
- HIST 502: History Research Seminar in War and Society
- Elective

Beginning In Spring:

Year One
Spring:
- HIST 501: History Readings Seminar in War and Society
- Elective
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