

Q: What is the Department looking for in the writing sample?

A: The required academic writing sample should not exceed 35 pages double-spaced. Choose a sample that shows writing skills relevant to the study of history, for example, the ability to draw on primary historical evidence to form and support an argument, or the ability to assess and connect with the interpretations of other historians. If you do not have training in history, choose a writing sample that demonstrates an ability to formulate arguments and mobilize evidence to support them.

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