The Master of Arts degree in History is a fully online, 30 credit hour general history program designed to provide advanced study in a variety of areas, including American, European, and World history. The fully online format allows students the flexibility to work on their degree while pursuing a career. It also gives students freedom to explore and study the past from wherever they are in the world.

Graduate training in History prepares students for exciting and challenging work in diverse fields such as law, government, education, the military, private and public business and industry opportunities. Our program can also help students advance to a doctoral program.

Program Highlights

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule with classes offered exclusively online
- Affordability to help you advance your career
- Training in theory, practical skills and objective content
- Variety in courses to choose from in US, European and World history
- Faculty who all hold doctoral degrees in the field of History
- 30 credits (3 credits in historical methods; 27 credits in subject areas)
- 24 month completion schedule if full-time
- Pass/fail written comprehensive exams in three geographic areas that can be taken after the completion of 21 credits
- Teaching modalities – reading, analyzing, discussing texts; synthesis of data and analysis
- Assessment modalities – online discussion, analytical/historiographical papers

Information on current tuition and graduate assistantships can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through Financial Aid Office or the Office of Graduate Admissions.
Admission Requirements

All applicants must submit the following materials along with the completed application form and non-refundable application fee:

1. A final official transcript sent directly from the institution that conferred the applicant’s undergraduate degree as well as official transcripts from any other undergraduate or graduate coursework completed.
2. A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA in an undergraduate major.
3. Essay- Select a current event and write a one-page essay, in which you explain and/or analyze how the past has influenced the present. The essay should not be descriptive or editorial.

International students should check with the Office for Global Engagement to review all international documents and visa status. Please visit the Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate for more information.

Curriculum (30 Credits)

Choose 27 credits from the following

HIST 511: Renaissance & Reformation
HIST 512: Europe, 1715-1815
HIST 530: Hispanic American History to 1815
HIST 540: The United States in the Twentieth Century
HIST 550: Public History: Theory & Practice
HIST 561: The Ancient Near East
HIST 575: Material Culture & Historical Interpretation
HIST 585: The Middle East in Modern Times
HIST 604: Historiography (Required)
HIST 605: Historical Method

Curriculum CONT.

HIST 612: Ancient Greece
HIST 614: Tudor-Stuart England
HIST 616: Modern Britain
HIST 617: Modern Germany
HIST 618: Russia in the Twentieth Century
HIST 625: Women in History
HIST 626: History of Medicine
HIST 631: Mexico & the Caribbean
HIST 633: Colonial America, 1607-1763
HIST 634: The American Revolutionary Era
HIST 635: The Civil War & Reconstruction
HIST 636: The American West
HIST 637: Native Americans
HIST 638: American Constitutional History Through 1865
HIST 639: American Constitutional History Since 1865
HIST 643: Hispanic American History to 1830
HIST 644: The ABC Powers & Mexico
HIST 662: The Arabs and Israel
HIST 666: Twentieth-Century Africa
HIST 686: Contemporary China
HIST 698: Selected Topics: Opium and 19th Century International trade
HIST 710: Medieval Europe
HIST 733: American Industrialism & Reform, 1887-1914
HIST 734: US Foreign Policy
HIST 735: Pennsylvania History

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