ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Slippery Rock University’s 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
The Master of Arts degree in History offers:

- 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 three different geographic regions: United States; Latin America, Asia, Middle East, and Africa; Europe
- Faculty who all hold doctoral degrees in the field of History
- 30 credits (3 credits in historiography; 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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

1. Official undergraduate transcript from the applicant’s baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable).
2. A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA in an undergraduate major.
3. Essay: Select a current event or situation and write an essay analyzing it from a historical perspective.
   
   The Essay must be:
   - one-page in length (approximately 500 words; 12 pt. double spaced)
   - analytical; it must explain how or why the past has influenced the current situation

   The Essay should not be:
   - descriptive; it should not simply provide the dates and facts that created the current situation
   - editorial; it should not focus on stating and defending your opinion

4. Letter of Intent: Write a one-page letter that explains your motivation and goals for pursuing the MA degree
CURRICULUM (30 CREDITS)

NOTE: It is recommended to take the required HIST 604 early in the program; the remaining 27 credits of HIST courses can be taken in any sequence.

Required Course (3 credits):
HIST 604: Historiography

Course Selection - Choose 27 credits from the following with at least one course in each geographic region:

United States
HIST 530: Hispanic American History to 1815
HIST 540: The United States in the Twentieth Century
HIST 550: Public History: Theory & Practice
HIST 633: Colonial America, 1607-1763
HIST 634: The American Revolution
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 734: US Foreign Policy
HIST 735: Pennsylvania History

Latin America - Asia, Middle East, and Africa
HIST 561: The Ancient Near East
HIST 585: The Modern Middle East
HIST 626: History of Medicine
HIST 631: Political Violence in Latin America
HIST 643: The Spanish Borderlands in North America
HIST 644: Mexico and the Southern Cone
HIST 662: The Arabs and Israel
HIST 666: Twentieth-Century Africa
HIST 686: Contemporary China
HIST 698: Special Topics: International Trade in Opium

TUITION AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

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 the Financial Aid Office at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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