

# HISTORY

MASTER OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

## DELIVERY METHOD

100% online

## START TERMS

Fall, Spring or Summer

## COMPLETION TIME

24 months, if full-time

## NUMBER OF CREDITS

30 credits

## COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

Pass/Fail written exam available after completion of 21 credits



“The SRU MA History program helped me become a better history teacher.” - 2022 graduate

“I am beyond grateful for the amazing faculty and program at SRU. I have truly enjoyed and learned so much and now feel an even greater call to keep learning more for the rest of my life!” - 2024 graduate

**SlipperyRock**  
University

A member of Pennsylvania's State System  
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## 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)
- Up to 9 transfer credits accepted
- 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 degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts.
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 admissions committee is looking for an essay of 1,000-1,500 words that does all of the following:

- Work representative of you as an academic writer and critical thinker, including proper writing and grammar.
- Analysis of how the current event/situation connects to the past

And at least some of the following:

- Demonstrating historical complexity and/or contingency
- Addressing change over time

Note that citations are not required, but if used, Chicago Manual of Style format is preferred.

4. Personal Statement: Write a one-page letter that explains your motivation and goals for pursuing the MA degree

## 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](http://www.sru.edu/graduate). Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

CURRICULUM GUIDE

**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 641: Early National Era
- HIST 733: US Industrialism and Reform
- 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

**Europe**

- HIST 511: Renaissance & Reformation
- HIST 512: Enlightenment and Revolution, 1715-1815
- HIST 535: Crusading in the Middle Ages
- HIST 575: Material Culture & Historical Interpretation
- HIST 609: Ancient Roman History and its Legacies
- 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 710: Medieval Europe

**Comprehensive Exam**

Successful completion of a comprehensive exam

Total Hours

30

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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