

# SECONDARY EDUCATION SOCIAL STUDIES/HISTORY

MASTER OF EDUCATION  
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

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## DELIVERY METHOD

Basic Track: onsite and online  
Advanced Track: 100% online

## START TERMS

Fall, Winter, Spring, or Summer

## COMPLETION TIME

Programs can be completed in  
a calendar year if a student begins  
in the summer

**NUMBER OF CREDITS**  
36 credits

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Impact the future and explore the possibilities of teaching by earning a Master of Education in Secondary Education. SRU's M.Ed. in Secondary Education has two tracks; a basic track and an advanced track. The basic track is for students seeking certification. The advanced track is for certified teachers.

SRU's master's degree in Secondary Education offers:

- Flexibility to fit your busy schedule. Our basic track offers both on-site and online classes, and our advance track can be completed exclusively online.
- A 36-credit hour program that can be completed in one calendar year
- Leadership skills geared to advancing your career to the next level
- Specialization in history - social studies

## BASIC TRACK

The basic teaching track in Secondary Education Teaching - History is a degree designed for individuals who possess a bachelor's degree and appropriate coursework for social studies. Successful completion of the program will lead to a master's degree and can lead to state certification. It is anticipated that students will complete the 36-semester hour program in one calendar year or full-time study, beginning with the summer pre-session. However, students may begin the program during the fall or spring semesters.

## ADVANCED TRACK

The advanced teaching track in Secondary Education Teaching Social Studies - History is a Master of Education degree for individuals who already possess teacher certification in Social Studies. In addition to core requirements, these certified students will concentrate on individual professional development by electing 12 semester hours of coursework from the areas of history, foundations of education, instructional technology, or counseling.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

### Basic Track:

- All applicants must have a bachelor's degree with appropriate course work in history and in other social science content areas with an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher from an accredited institution of higher education to enter and a 3.0 GPA to exit the graduate program
- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
- Resume

### Advanced Track:

- All applicants must have a bachelor's degree with an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher from an accredited institution of higher education
- Official undergraduate degree transcript(s) and any graduate transcripts
- Copy of teacher certification
- Resume

## BASIC TRACK UNDERGRADUATE COMPETENCIES

Students should provide evidence of meeting outcomes in special needs instruction (Slippery Rock University's SEFE 338: Standard-Based Instruction & Assessment in the Inclusionary Classroom and SEFE 342: Educational Psychology for Diverse Learners are essential to meet this requirement).

Students in the basic track who meet admission requirements but have more than three undergraduate deficiencies, may be offered conditional admission.

## BASIC TRACK - PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE CERTIFICATION

All candidates completing this program and student teaching are eligible to receive Pennsylvania certification after achieving a passing or qualifying score on Pennsylvania Department of Education required exam(s). If you are interested in teaching in another state, please contact the Department of Education in that state.

## TUITION & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Information on current tuition and 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 [www.sru.edu/FinAid](http://www.sru.edu/FinAid) or the Office of Graduate Admissions.



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## CURRICULUM - BASIC TRACK (36 CREDITS) (for non-certified teachers)

### Pedagogy (9 credits):

- SEFE 522: Teaching of Middle Level and Secondary Social Studies and the English Language Arts for the Humanities
- SEFE 607: The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners
- SEFE 677: Directed Field Experience in Secondary Schools

### Technology (3 credits):

- SEFE 647: Technology-Based Inquiry in Middle and Secondary Schools

### Educational Measurement (3 credits):

- SEFE 671/681: Measurement and Assessment in Schools

### Educational Foundations (3 credits):

Choose one from the following:

- SEFE 604: Philosophical Foundations of Education
- SEFE 606: Social Foundations of Education
- SEFE 609: History of Western Education
- SEFE 680: Crucial Issues in Education

### Research and Statistics (6 credits):

- SEFE 602: Univariate Statistical Methods

Choose one from the following:

- SEFE 608: Research Methods for Teacher Leadership
- SEFE 696: Elements of Qualitative Educational Research OR
- SEFE 699: Elements of Quantitative Educational Research

### Special Education (3 credits):

- SPED 601: Advanced Study of Learning Disabilities or a course that meets the Chapter 49 requirements

### Supervised Teaching (9 credits):

- SPED 701: Seminar and Supervised Teaching in the Secondary School

### OFFERING OF COURSES BY TERM (courses may be offered in multiple terms)

Summer Term	Fall Term
Pre-Session: SEFE 607 Session 1: SEFE 522; 647 Session 2: SEFE 671/681; 699	SEFE 602; 677; 680 SPED 601
Winter Term	Spring Term
SEFE 338	SEFE 701

## DEGREE COMPLETION PROCESS

There are five steps to completing a master's degree at Slippery Rock University. Students must:

1. Obtain unconditional admission status
2. Be approved for degree candidacy (students must successfully complete between 6 and 12 credit hours in a declared program of study and pass the Praxis I: Academic Skills Assessments for the Basic Program)
3. Pass appropriate comprehensive examination
4. Complete research requirements
5. Complete requisite credit hours

Upon completion of these five steps, the student will be required to apply for graduation before the end of the semester in which he or she wishes to graduate. See the Graduate Catalog for further information.

## CURRICULUM - ADVANCED TRACK (36 CREDITS) (for certified teachers only)

### Pedagogy (9 credits):

- SEFE 630: Advanced Pedagogy for Teacher Leadership\*
- SEFE 647: Technology-Based Inquiry in Middle and Secondary Schools

### Educational Measurement (3 credits):

- SEFE 671/681: Measurement and Assessment in Schools

### Educational Foundations (3 credits):

- SEFE 680: Crucial Issues in Education

### Research and Statistics (9 credits):

- SEFE 602: Univariate Statistical Methods (Required)

Choose two of the following:

- SEFE 608: Research Methods for Teacher Leadership
- SEFE 696: Elements of Qualitative Educational Research
- SEFE 699: Elements of Quantitative Educational Research

The courses listed above for the Advanced Teaching Program are offered online.

### Electives (15 credits):

- SEFE 607: The Theories and Teaching of English Language Learners
- SEFE 650: School Supervision: Strategic Leadership
- SEFE 652: School Supervision: Organizational Leadership
- SEFE 679: Psychology of Learning and Instruction for Diverse Learners
- SPED 601: Advanced Study of Learning Disabilities or a course that meets the Chapter 49 requirements
- SPED 625: Instructional Strategies for Learning and Behavioral Problems

Other electives with advisor approval

\*Individualized Instruction

## CLEARANCES

Clearances are due no later than one (1) week prior to deadline for course registration for each program's practicum/field experience. Students without clearances on file at SRU will not be permitted to register for their program's practicum and take part in practicum/field experiences. Students are to send the following by the due date:

- Clear Act 34 Criminal History Record: NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission
- Clear Act 114 FBI Record Check: NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission
- Clear Act 151 Child Abuse Background Check: NO record NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Clearance must be less than one year old at the time of submission
- Act 24 Arrest/Conviction Report and Certification: NO record...NONE concerning prohibitive offenses. A meeting headed by the Dean of the College of Education is required if clearances show non-prohibitive offenses. Students must file an updated Act 24 with SRU if any arrests/convictions occur while enrolled at SRU
- Act 126 Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Act - document online course completion

## FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS AND COURSE SCHEDULING:

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