

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 Portfolio



“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

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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
- Comprehensive exams administered as a pass/fail portfolio consisting of revised work from completed courses
- 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:

- \$25 Application Fee
- **Personal Statement:** Write a one-page letter that explains your motivation and goals for pursuing the MA degree
- **Writing Sample:** a writing sample representative of you as an academic writer and critical thinker
- **Official Transcripts:** Undergraduate/Graduate (official transcripts must be sent by institution via electronic transcript e-share to graduate.admissions@sru.edu or via mail - faxed copies will be considered official)

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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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: The Early National Era
HIST 733: US Industrialism and Reform, 1887-1914
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: Selected Topics

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 Legacy
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

AWARDS



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