

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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MASTER OF ARTS (MA) IN HISTORY

Objectives

The Master of Arts (MA) in History program provides graduate candidates with the opportunity to explore a wide range of historical fields and methodologies. For those seeking intellectual enrichment, the program may culminate in a terminal MA degree. It is especially useful for secondary school teachers who wish to earn a degree that will enhance their subject knowledge while refining historical and research skills, or for museum professionals and those who seek a career in museums. For candidates who intend to continue on for advanced studies or even a doctoral degree, the MA in history program provides a firm foundation. All graduate candidates are encouraged to develop concentrations in historical areas of interest as a part of their course of study. Completing the MA in history will satisfy the degree requirement for the professional teaching licensure; however, a candidate may still have to fulfill additional full time teaching requirement in order to apply for the licensure.

Admissions

Visit salemstate.edu/graduate for admissions requirements, deadlines and prerequisites (if any).

It may be possible to take a limited number of courses prior to formal admission to the program. If you are interested in this option, please contact the graduate program coordinator. If you are accepted into the program, you must meet with the graduate program coordinator to develop a tentative plan of study and discuss any transfer credits. Graduate program coordinator contact information may be found at salemstate.edu/graduate/programs.

Course Requirements

- 1 A minimum of 33 hours of course work, including HST 700 Historiography and HST 995 Research Seminar is required. Graduate candidates may take the Research Seminar only after completing 18 hours in the program. They must also take at least one distribution course in each of the following four areas:
 - African, Asian or Latin American History
 - American History
 - European History
 - Public History
- 2 Degree candidates are offered two capstone options: 1) a six credit thesis (3.5 grade point average required) or 2) a portfolio drawn from their course work in the program. Candidates who intend to continue to doctoral studies are strongly urged to write a thesis.

A 39 credit option, which has no capstone event but instead consists of taking an additional six credits (two courses of history elective course work), is also available.

For additional details, see the [History graduate student handbook](#).

Notes

The School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to make changes in program and course requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester. Therefore, you should meet regularly with your program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.