



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Master of Arts-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 REQUIREMENTS:

- A completed application form, available from the Graduate School Office, and a \$35.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to Salem State College.
- A complete, official transcript documenting the award of a bachelor's degree with grades of merit from an accredited college or university.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed *Reference for Graduate Admission* forms. These forms are available with the application form. Please include references from people who have known you in both professional and academic capacities. Completed reference forms may have a letter attached to them.
- Official copy of test results taken within the last five years documenting satisfactory performance on either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Those who hold a master's degree are exempt from this requirement.
- All students for whom English is not a first language must submit satisfactory scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), in addition to their MAT or GRE scores.
- A 500-1,000-word, double-spaced statement of purpose addressing the following questions: What factors in your personal and professional history have influenced you in the past and now lead you to seek admission to this program at Salem State College? What are your long-term professional goals, and how will this program help you meet them? Is there any other information that you think would help the Admissions Committee to evaluate your application?

APPLICATION DEADLINES: Rolling Admissions

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a tentative Plan of Study in consultation with the program coordinator. You must request that any transfer credits be considered at this time. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO MORE THAN THREE COURSES TAKEN AT SALEM STATE COLLEGE BEFORE ADMISSION CAN BE COUNTED TOWARDS THIS PROGRAM. You should meet regularly with the program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: (33-39 Credits)

1. A minimum of thirty-three hours of course work, including Historiography (HIS 700) and Research Seminar (HIS990) is required. Graduate candidates may take the Research Seminar only after completing eighteen credit 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 three capstone options. They may choose: 1) a six credit thesis (g.p.a. of 3.5 required); 2) a comprehensive examinations; or 3) a portfolio drawn from their course work in the program. Comprehensive examinations must be passed satisfactorily in two areas of historical study. Candidates who intend to continue on to the Ph.D. are strongly urged to write a thesis. 4). 39-credit option which has no capstone event but instead, consists of taking an additional six credits (2 courses of History elective course work) is also available.

For additional details, see the Department of History's Graduate Student Handbook.

Subsequent to publication of this flowsheet, the Graduate School reserves the right to make changes in courses, program requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester.
