



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING-HISTORY

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Master of Arts in Teaching History, a thirty-nine (39) credit hour program is to be completed within a six year period, is available for either liberal arts graduates who wish to begin preparation for teaching history at the secondary level or practicing teachers who desire to expand their understanding of the educational process while increasing their formal education in history. Completion of the MAT-History program fulfills the requirement for initial licensure for teaching history in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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 in an arts and sciences major, or a major appropriate to the teaching license sought.
- Official transcripts of any graduate courses taken or degrees held.
- Three completed Reference for Graduate Admission forms. These forms are available with the application. 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, type-written, 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?

Additional requirements for the M.A.T.-History:

- Preliminary Licensure includes passing scores on the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure (MTEL), both in the communication/literacy portion and the subject area portion appropriate for this program, in addition to other requirements. Students with no teacher preparation course work should consult with the program coordinator.
- A course in adolescent psychology

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Rolling Admissions

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Graduate School is currently revising this program to bring it into alignment with the new Massachusetts licensure regulations. The information on this sheet will serve only as general guidelines.

Upon acceptance into the program, you will complete a "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.

All candidates for the M.A.T.-History must complete 1) a minimum of 39 credit hours of graduate course work, as described below, and 2) a comprehensive exam that is taken after most of the course work has been completed.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: (39 Credits) **All courses are three credits each unless otherwise noted.**

Education Core Courses:

- EDU 808 The American High School
- EDU 876 Global Perspectives in Cultural Diversity
- EDU 990V Nature and Needs of Students with Learning Problems

Electives:

5 History electives selected in consultation with the program coordinator. 15

Research Core Courses:

- HIS 700 Historiography
- HIS 702 Methods, Techniques & Strategies in Teaching History
- HIS 704 History Alive: Using Resources to Teach History

*Practicum Experience:

- EDU 925 Practicum in Secondary Education 6

Please be aware that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may change licensure requirements. Students are advised to contact the state for specific, current licensure requirements. You may access that information at www.doe.mass.edu

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.
