**The Opportunity**

Salisbury University’s M.A. in History Program enables students to undertake advanced coursework in many areas of U.S. and world history, and is especially strong in the study of the Chesapeake Bay region. Graduate seminars on specialized topics are taught by a diverse and world-class faculty, who help students acquire the skills and theoretical foundations for conducting professional historical research. Small classes afford individualized attention and faculty support. The scope and rigor of the program furnishes an excellent foundation for those interested in continuing their studies at the Ph.D. level. Evening offerings give teachers and other nontraditional students an invaluable opportunity for ongoing education and career development.

Our graduate students also benefit from the History Department’s partnership with the Edward H. Nabb Center for Delmarva History and Culture, where they can pursue research in rare manuscript, printed and microfilm materials as well as archaeological artifacts, dating from the 17th century onward.

With its emphasis on research, reading and writing, the M.A. in History Program not only prepares its students to succeed in challenging academic and professional environments, but also promises to foster in them a lifelong love of learning and appreciation for the complexity of the human condition.

“When I was researching different graduate schools, I knew that I needed a university with small class sizes and a dedicated faculty and staff. I have found that and more here at SU.”

— Amanda Tuttle M.A. ’14

**The Program**

The M.A. in history requires 30 semester hours of graduate coursework (including 24 hours completed at SU) and solid proficiency in fields of expertise as demonstrated through qualifying oral and written examinations. Ongoing advising enables students to plan, pursue, and complete on time a program of studies commensurate with their interests and career goals. Students also have the option of writing a thesis for course credit, which is particularly encouraged for those planning to apply to Ph.D. programs.

Students may take courses outside of the History Department in other disciplines if relevant to the course of study. For example, thanks to a partnership with SU’s Communication Arts Department, M.A. candidates in history can also learn the techniques of historical documentary filmmaking. Combining historical research and writing with the expertise of media production, HIST 515 - History and Film enables students to acquire the skills necessary to work in a variety of documentary media and broadcasting careers. The program also invites applications from teachers interested in advancing their professional expertise in history as a content area. Those seeking a postgraduate degree aligned with education specialties should also consider enrolling in SU’s Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction Program, which allows candidates to complete graduate coursework in history as part of their M.Ed. curriculum.

**CONCENTRATIONS**

The M.A. in History Program offers four broad areas of concentration:

- History of the Chesapeake Bay Region
- Colonial and Revolutionary American History
- 19th- and 20th-Century United States History
- World History/ European History

From these concentrations, students specialize depending upon their particular research and course interests; and they take qualifying exams in a major and a minor field of study during their last semester.

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