HISTORY, M.A. - ACCELERATED PATHWAY

The M.A. in History (Concentration: Accelerated Pathway) provides high-achieving students with an opportunity to finish their graduate degree in one year following successful completion of the B.S. in History 7-12 (Concentration: BS to MA Accelerated Pathway) at Southern Connecticut State University. For further information: HistoryGrad@southernct.edu

Application Deadline

Undergraduate students at Southern Connecticut State University are encouraged to apply for graduate admission no later than the spring semester of their senior year in collaboration with a faculty advisor in the History department. All materials should be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions the Friday prior to the start of spring break. Students will select the M.A. in History program with the Accelerated Pathway concentration. Please consult the admission requirements below and within the Admission section of the graduate catalog for more information.

Admission Procedures

Students interested in applying for admission to the M.A. in History (Concentration: Accelerated Pathway) should apply online through the Office of Graduate Admissions website: www.southernct.edu/gradadmissions. All applicants must complete the School of Graduate Admissions application. In addition, they must submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word statement of purpose. The applicant’s current SCSU transcript will be automatically added to the application.

Candidates seeking admission are expected to have completed their bachelor’s degree requirements and attained a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (out of 4.0). Students will be granted early acceptance to the School of Graduate and Professional Studies through the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, which is conditional upon meeting all requirements as listed above. A final transcript noting the degree and date awarded must be received prior to the beginning of the first semester of graduate enrollment. Upon final approval of the application, those accepted into the program will receive a letter of acceptance from the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.

International applicants should refer to the Admission of International Students subsection of the Application and Admissions section of this catalog for the additional applications requirements.

Master of Arts Degree — 30 Credits

The Master of Arts degree is designed to afford certified teachers the opportunity to strengthen content knowledge of history and to provide highly motivated students greater foundational knowledge in history necessary to pursue doctoral studies.
The program of study consists of 27 credits of coursework in a chosen major and minor field of history and a 3 credit special project. With the approval of the History Graduate Coordinator, students may elect up to 6 credits of their coursework in other social science or humanities fields. Reading ability in one modern foreign language is encouraged.

Program Sequence

As sequencing changes, it is highly recommended that students meet with their program advisor to finalize a list of requirements for graduation. 9 credits of graduate coursework will be completed within the B.S. in History 7-12 (Concentration: BS to MA Accelerated Pathway) and the student will have 21 credits of graduate coursework remaining.

BS to MA Accelerated Pathway

9 credits required to be completed during the student's senior year of undergraduate study. Student will select 9 credits of HIS courses at the 500-level. The additional requirements below will be completed during the student's graduate program of study.

One U.S. History Graduate Course

HIS 513 – The Transformation of American Society 1877-1917
HIS 514 – Issues in American Constitutional History
HIS 518 – A Women's Place is in the Curriculum: A Multicultural Approach
HIS 536 – Progressive and Modern Women in the U.S.A.
HIS 551 – The Colonial Period in U.S. History
HIS 552 - American Revolution
HIS 554 - The Pre-Civil War Era, 1820-1850
HIS 555 – The Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850-1877
HIS 556 - US Maritime History
HIS 558 – History of the Trans-Mississippi West
HIS 562 – Seminar in the History of American Diplomacy
HIS 563 – History of Urban America
HIS 566 – History of American Radicalism
HIS 569 – American Indian History

One European History Graduate Course

HIS 516 – Stalinism
HIS 517 – Russian Revolution
HIS 564 – Seminar in Early Modern Europe
HIS 568 – Seminar in Late Modern Europe
HIS 570 – Seminar in Modern Europe
HIS 575 – Nazi Germany and the Holocaust
HIS 586 – Seminar in the Origins of Rome to 44 BCE
HIS 587 - French Revolution and Napoleon
HIS 588 - Seminar in the Roman Empire
HIS 589 – Tudor-Stuart England
HIS 591 – Seminar in European Intellectual History
One Non-Western Graduate Course

HIS 508 – Contemporary World History
HIS 527 – Major Powers of Latin American since Independence
HIS 528 – Puerto Rico and the Caribbean
HIS 531 – Race and Nationalism in South Africa
HIS 542 – Trade in Society in West Africa
HIS 548 – China Since Western Impact
HIS 571 – The Medieval Middle East
HIS 572 – The Modern Middle East
HIS 578 – Early Chinese Texts
HIS 579 – Seminar in Southeast Asia to 1850

Electives

9 credits in any graduate level history (up to 6 credits of graduate level course work in another social science or humanities field may be selected with Graduate Program Coordinator approval).

Capstone

HIS 600 – Special Project – 3 credits

The special project provides an opportunity for students to complete an academically rigorous project that contributes in a meaningful way to the academic and professional community. The special project involves the integration and application of discipline-specific knowledge, concepts, theory, and skills in the development of a tangible product accompanied by a written report describing the process and results of the product's development. Students complete a special project to demonstrate the ability to independently utilize and apply the information and training they have received as objective evidence of their aptitude in history. The master's degree is conferred after successful completion of a minimum of 30 credits including the special project.