M.A. in Humanities

About the Program

The Master of Arts offers a foundation in the humanities as a dynamic tradition of questions and methods grounded in the study of history, language and literature, the arts, ethics, philosophy, and religion. Students develop the knowledge, skills and perspective required to analyze and critically consider the human condition and its dilemmas. Broadly conceived, the humanities are presented as an evolving field that includes the public humanities and the digital humanities. Interdisciplinary electives allow students to integrate humanities study with work in the social sciences and cultural studies. Students develop an individual focus that compliments their undergraduate background, work experience and life goals. Designing their own plan of study through their choice of electives, individuals may choose to strengthen the focus of their interdisciplinary work by writing an optional thesis, completing an internship, or practicum field experience rather than the general humanities degree. Students may choose to pursue specific specialized concentrations that are theme or problem focused (Humanitarian Assistance, Public Humanities, Religion, Peace and Justice). All graduates pursue in-depth study in their chosen humanities area and acquire advanced skills in research and writing, creative synthesis and problem-solving. Graduates benefit from the insights and perspectives they develop as they expand their knowledge in humanities subject areas and build practical skills applicable in fields such as education, public policy, social work, business and the arts. The Master of Arts may be pursued as a path to the humanities Ph.D. or combined with other programs for a dual degree.

Program Requirements

Following completion of an approved program of 12 courses (36 credits) and all degree requirements, students qualify to receive the Master of Arts degree in humanities.

Core Curriculum

Required Core Courses (Six Courses/18 credits)

- HUM500: Research Methods.................................................................3 credits
- HUM501: Social and Ethical Issues: A Global Perspective....................3 credits
- HUM503: Global & Comparative Literature I.....................................3 credits
- HUM504: Global & Comparative Literature II....................................3 credits
- HUM505: Global Traditions & Area Studies I......................................3 credits
- HUM506: Global Traditions & Area Studies II....................................3 credits

“The Salve Regina University Humanities M.A. program combines humanistic thinking with practical problem solving. Organized around the traditional liberal arts students develop a focused specialization linking academic study with the problems of the larger world. Exploring the history of ideas and human imagination students learn how to apply the humanities in confronting contemporary dilemmas within the workplace and community.”
About Salve Regina
Salve Regina University is an independent, coeducational institution serving approximately 2,500 men and women from 35 states and 16 nations. Its 80-acre oceanfront campus is in the Ochre Point historic district of Newport, Rhode Island, and includes 48 new and adapted buildings. The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Admissions requirements
Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a bachelor’s degree in any undergraduate major from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) are qualified to apply.

To apply to the Master’s program you must submit the following supporting materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:
- Completed graduate application form
- Official transcripts from all degree granting institutions attended
- Personal statement
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Test scores no more than five years old from one of the following: MAT, GRE, or GMAT (The examination requirement may be waived for students whose portfolio indicates an ability to do graduate work.)
- Non-refundable application fee

Courses are offered on campus in Newport, R.I. and online.

Interdisciplinary Elective Courses (six courses/18 credits)

Optional Specialized Concentrations
In addition to the 18 core curriculum credits students complete the 12 elective credits listed under their chosen concentration as well as a six-credit thesis, or internship/practicum field experience.

Humanitarian Assistance
HUM510: A History of Technology ................................................................. 3 credits
HCA543: Public Health Administration ......................................................... 3 credits
INR562: International Organizations and Law ............................................... 3 credits
INR572: Complex Humanitarian Emergencies ............................................. 3 credits

Public Humanities
MGT501: Management and Organizational Theory ....................................... 3 credits
HLL520: Leading Holistically ........................................................................ 3 credits
MGT555: Organizational Development .......................................................... 3 credits
HUM620: Social Transformation through Art .................................................. 3 credits

Religion, Peace and Justice
INR516: Identity, Harmony, and Conflict ....................................................... 3 credits
INR571: International Human Rights ............................................................. 3 credits
HUM610: Religion, Culture and Technology .................................................. 3 credits
HUM625: Ethics and Modern Technology ....................................................... 3 credits

Student may also choose from a list of Interdisciplinary elective courses approved by the program director.

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