The History, Anthropology and World Languages Department offers a program which results in the earning of a master of arts degree with a major in social sciences. The department also offers graduate courses in history which may be taken by students enrolled in the master of arts degree program with a major in social sciences.

This degree is designed to be multi-disciplinary, giving men and women in education, business and government the opportunity to develop their own program of study. Options and flexibility are kept at the maximum level possible. This allows the professional in education, urban affairs, criminal justice, gerontology, international trade and commerce, etc. to attain a graduate degree in his or her career.

**Admission Requirements:**

1. Complete the online graduate application [gradschool.edinboro.edu](http://gradschool.edinboro.edu).
3. Submit an official transcript reflecting baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution (not needed if degree was earned at Edinboro).
4. Applicants should obtain scores averaging at or above the 50th percentile for verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or score of 390 or above on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT).
5. Three letters of reference – References and contact information to be provided and submitted via online application.
6. Typed essay (2-3 pages) answering the following questions:
   a. What attracted you to the profession of social sciences?
   b. What professional goals do you have for the next 10 years, and how will the Master of Arts in Social Sciences help you attain those goals?
   c. What attributes do you possess that suggest success in graduate school and as a practicing social scientist?
7. Professional Resume.

**Application Deadline:** This program has rolling admissions. There is no guarantee that the School of Graduate Studies can process an application for admission less than six weeks prior to the semester start date to which enrollment is sought.

### Master of Arts in Social Sciences Curriculum

This curriculum contains both a thesis track and a non-thesis track. Both tracks require the earning of 36 semester hours of graduate credit as a partial requirement of the degree. These credits must be earned as follows:

| I. Multidisciplinary research Course | 3 credits |
| II. Primary Social Science Field | 15-18 credits |
| Students will take 15-18 credits (15 if writing a thesis and 18 if taking the Comprehensive Exam) in one of the following disciplines: History, Anthropology. |
| III. Secondary Social Science Field | 6 credits |
| Students will complete 6 credits in one of the aforementioned disciplines, but in consultation with the Program Director other disciplines may also be used in this category, including Economics, Communications, Psychology, and Counseling. |
| IV. Free Electives | 9 credits |
| V. Thesis (ANTH 799, HIST 799 or SSCI 799) Or Comprehensive Exam and Essay | 3 credits |
| VI. Final Oral Examination, including defense of thesis. | 0 credits |

(see reverse for more information)
**Degree Requirements:** Students must comply with the degree requirements for the Master of Arts degree listed in the Graduate Catalogue.

Students registering for thesis must submit, with their registration materials, an application for authorization to enroll for Thesis which has been signed by the advisor. This application form may be obtained at the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

Students not completing the thesis must complete a Comprehensive Examination.

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**For More Information:** If you have questions about the application process, please contact Edinboro University's School of Graduate Studies at gradstudies@edinboro.edu or at (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890. For questions specific to the master's degree in Social Sciences program, please contact Dr. Jerra Jenrette at (814) 732-1225 (jjenrette@edinboro.edu).

**Office for Students with Disabilities:** For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with a disability, contact Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD), at (814) 732-2462 t/tty. For additional information, visit the OSD web page.

**Graduate Assistantships:** Graduate Assistantships are available for campus based students only. They are awarded on a competitive basis. Assistantships provide a partial waiver of tuition and a stipend, as well as an opportunity to gain experience in research and professional activities. Additional information about assistantships is available through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, (814)732-2856 or toll-free (888) 845-2890.

**Financial Aid Considerations:** An academic year consists of Fall, Spring, and Summer. Graduate students taking graduate level courses may receive up to $20,500 in the Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program. Most students will use their Stafford loans during the 9 month period (Fall and Spring). Students will want to be mindful of their financial aid to allow for funding for 12 months if planning on enrolling during the Summer term. Students will have an option to apply for Graduate Plus loan or private loans if other funding has been exhausted. For more specific information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (814) 735-3500 or finaid@edinboro.edu

**Employer Reimbursement:** Non-traditional students who are working and taking classes on a part-time basis may have employer-paid education benefits. The purpose of the employer tuition reimbursement agreement is to allow employees who receive reimbursement to defer payment of their tuition and fees until after grades are available at the end of the semester.

**Veterans' Education Benefits** Information and printable forms regarding Veterans' Education Benefits and the Montgomery GI Bill are available at the Department of Veterans Affairs website, [http://www.gibill.va.gov/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/). After the Department of Veterans Affairs approves a student's eligibility, and after the school certifies the student's enrollment, benefits are paid directly to the student after the end of each month.

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For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures and for inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and its implementing regulation, contact Ms. Valerie O. Hayes, J. D. Director of Social Equity, / University Title IX Coordinator, 207 Reeder Hall, 219 Meadville Street, Edinboro, PA 16444 (814-732-2167). Additionally, inquiries concerning Title IX and its implementing regulation can be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights.

For information or assistance regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and used by persons with a disability, contact Office for Students with Disabilities at the Crawford Center (814-732-2462 V/TTY).
REFERENCE FORM
MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Name of applicant ________________________________________________________________

(Optional) I hereby waive my right of access to the material reported below.

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Applicant’s signature Date

Information provided below is accessible to the applicant unless he/she has waived such access.

The following questions should be explicitly covered in your letter and you should fill in the table on the next page.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. For each of the items below, please indicate your rating of the applicant by placing an X in the appropriate column.

3. Do you feel the applicant has any special qualifications for graduate study? Please comment on any particularly strong qualities or abilities, or special work or professional experience.

4. Please provide a frank statement on the applicant’s qualifications and promise for successful graduate study and the probability of completing the program in a timely manner. Comments about the applicant’s abilities, motivation, capacities, character, and personality will aid us in assessing the applicant for admission and graduate assistantship awards.

5. If you have known this person as an undergraduate student, how would you rank him or her?

   Top [ ] 5% [ ] 10% [ ] 25% [ ] 50% of all students I have taught. [ ] N/A

6. My overall recommendation of this person is:

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