

I. GRADUATE ACADEMIC STUDIES

A. INTRODUCTION

Graduate study at Salisbury University provides degree holders from the U.S. and abroad with opportunities for professional advancement and personal enrichment. The graduate curriculum is designed to assist students in attaining greater mastery of their fields of specialization, improving skills in pursuing independent study, and increasing professional knowledge and ability through the study of new findings in areas of special interest.

B. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There are many reasons to choose Salisbury University for your graduate education. In its advanced courses, SU offers a rigorous program of graduate study that stresses inquiry, critical thinking, intellectual integrity and professional collaboration. The graduate curriculum is designed to assist our students in attaining greater mastery of their fields of specialization, to improve skills in pursuing independent study, and to increase professional knowledge and ability that will promote their careers and enhance satisfaction in their work. Our alumni go on to advanced positions in their chosen fields of specialization, confident in the solid academic preparation that comes with a graduate degree from SU. As *A Maryland University of National Distinction*, SU provides you with a wise choice in advancing your education.

C. MISSION STATEMENT

Graduate education at Salisbury University encourages students to expand their knowledge and facility in their respective fields of study, and to embrace an ethos dedicated to the pursuit of the intellectual ideal. The University's graduate faculty members demonstrate competence, experience, professional association, instructional mastery, scholarly productivity and service involvement essential to the development of high-quality learning. They further recognize that cooperative research and professional enterprise are paramount to the enhancement of graduate level erudition.

The faculty believe that the substance and method of instruction and research must foster in students a disposition for responsible conduct characterized by integrity, fairness, respect for others, dedication to the pursuit of truth and a willingness to re-examine one's own convictions. One of the University's primary objectives is to cultivate a desire for excellence, a reverence for high principles and the ability to participate in the public forum as informed, committed citizens.

The University prepares graduate students to excel in their chosen careers and provides counsel, guidance and instruction appropriate to the requirements of graduate programs. Graduate students in all areas of study will demonstrate coherent thought, sound judgment and effective communication. Since students at every level of study have interests and needs

beyond the scope of academic life, the faculty and administration provide and sponsor those services and extracurricular activities that are consistent with the goals and purposes of the institution in general and the graduate program in particular. Furthermore, the University is committed to the integration of graduate students into the social and cultural fabric of campus and community life.

D. GRADUATE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Salisbury University is approved for graduate instruction by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The University currently offers 14 graduate degree programs leading to a master's degree:

- Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in English (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in History (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)*
- Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.)
- Master of Education in Educational Leadership (M.Ed.)
- Master of Education Reading Specialist (M.Ed.)
- Master of Science in Applied Biology (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Applied Health Physiology (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.)
- Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems Management (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Mathematics Education (M.S.M.E.)
- Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.)
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)

*The M.A.T. is a cooperative program with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore

The University currently offers 2 doctoral degrees:

- Doctor of Education Contemporary Curriculum Theory and Instruction: Literacy (Ed.D)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P)

SU also offers the following certificates:

- Advanced Technology for Enterprise Systems
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Higher Education
- Post-Masters Certificate in Literacy Educator
- Post-Masters Certificate of Successful Completion in Education Leadership
- Post-Masters Certificate of Advanced Study in Education Leadership

E. SCHEDULING OF GRADUATE COURSES

Many of SU's graduate students are pursuing degrees while working or returning to school after a significant break in their education, and SU strives to provide course scheduling flexibility to meet the needs of its diverse graduate student population. Graduate programs consist mainly of courses meeting once per week throughout the semester in either late afternoon or evening sessions of approximately three hours each. A limited number of courses open to both graduate students and advanced undergraduates are available in the regular daytime program as well as several online options. In addition, graduate study is available during the University's summer sessions and winter term.