

# BardMAT

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM

## Teaching What Matters

Bringing together work in the content area and education

### Frequently Asked Questions: History

#### Quick Facts About Studying History with the Bard MAT

1

Students take graduate level courses in history and education.

2

Comparable to a Master's thesis, the ARP provides a comprehensive view into a single historical question. Recent ARPs have included studies of the 1920s U.S. Red Scare, and Trench Journalism in WWI.

3

Small seminars and close interactions with faculty foster a cooperative and supportive learning environment.

#### *What will I learn in the content classes?*

The history program covers U.S. and World History, as well as historiography. Sample course topics include Global Revolutions, World War I, and 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Social/political history.

#### *How will I learn it?*

Our courses provide small class sizes, challenging readings, and in-depth discussion of material. History seminars emphasize the variety and changing nature of historical interpretation with a focus on preparing you to become more proficient in historical thinking.

#### *What is the academic research project (ARP)?*

The Academic Research Project is conducted simultaneously with the content courses and will deepen your practice of historical thinking in a way that will be consistently fruitful in your teaching life, by giving you an immersion experience in one specific problem or event from the past.

#### *How will I learn to teach my subject?*

Course designs and individual lessons are intended to be models for future teachers, while the practices, strategies, and habits of mind learned in class will also be resources for future teaching. MAT students meet weekly throughout the program in a teaching lab where we experiment with teaching practices and answer pedagogical and practical questions that spring from our reading and your apprenticeship.

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# Frequently Asked Questions: Education

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You will apprentice in public school classrooms throughout the entire year, gaining more responsibility for teaching over time.

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The teaching lab sequence will support your work, applying what you have learned in discipline and education courses to your classroom apprenticeship.

3

Bard MAT graduate faculty and students work side by side with public school teachers and students - teaching, learning, and learning to teach well.

### *What will I learn in the education classes?*

Education courses in the Bard MAT program address those issues most central to teachers' and learners' success in the middle or high school classroom. As an apprentice, you will learn how to plan and develop curriculum and promote the literacy development of students across academic disciplines. You will also learn about adolescent development and how young people's identities, cultures, and languages may impact their performance in school. Finally, you will learn about both the historical and social contexts of the teaching profession to understand the unique roles you can play as an agent of change.

### *How will I learn it?*

Like the discipline courses, education courses are taught in small, seminar-like settings intended to foster graduate students' active involvement in their own learning. Because the MAT is a pre-professional program, much of the learning in the education courses focuses on practical applications, and you will have opportunities to make close connections between the material you are learning in the graduate classroom and fieldwork in the schools.



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