The Masters of Arts of Social Studies in World History (SSWH) program is innovative in its design and well-suited to take advantage of today's instructional technology. Academic Technology Services (ATS) looks forward to being a partner in the program's success.

The program's combination of synchronous classroom and online teaching is an innovative format of tremendous potential for the University of Delaware. Geographically dispersed students will share an online classroom space with a class in session on campus. A real-time, multi-directional, media-rich experience will be available for the online student. In the case of world history, the international student base will also add a new richness to the class discussions. ATS supports faculty undertaking new teaching formats and then ATS extends that experience to subsequent faculty.

The program is well-suited to the available technology. Recent advances in video conferencing, presentation recording, learning management systems, mobile applications, and related devices will all contribute to the successful delivery of this program. ATS and related parts of IT are positioned to deliver these technologies in a way that is meaningful and valuable for new online students.

The SSWH program was a successful applicant to the 2012 IT Transformation Grant program for initial support. On-going support to the program is part of Academic Technology Services' mission to serve faculty teaching credit courses.

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