Public History

Admission Requirements
Admission to the M.A. in History and Public History programs require: a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university; transcripts; personal statement, listing career goals, historical interests, and potential advisor; letters of recommendation; and a writing sample of approximately ten pages. Admission to the Ph.D. in Public History requires a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university; transcripts; personal statement, listing career goals, historical interests, and potential advisor; letters of recommendation; and a writing sample of approximately ten pages.

Master’s Degree Requirements
Master of Arts Degree in History: This program requires a total of 30 credit hours, including 6 hours in core courses, 12 credit hours in a major field, 6 credit hours in a minor field, and 6 credit hours in thesis work. Each student's program is tailored to enhance his or her career objectives. Social studies teachers, for example, may earn advanced competency on completion of the M.A. in history with additional course work in education. Similarly, students who plan to pursue a Ph.D. degree receive the requisite training and assistance. Master of Arts Degree in Public History: This program requires 36 credit hours of course work. Students may take a non-thesis or thesis option. Half the hours fall in historical studies, the rest in applied history classes, including innovative courses in museum studies and heritage studies. Students perform internships in their own special areas of interest.

Doctoral Degree Requirements
The Ph.D. program in Public History requires 72 credit hours. Students complete 21 credit hours in a public history field, including an internship; 21 credit hours in a history field; 6 credit hours in an outside field; and 24 credit hours of dissertation work.

Student Financial Support
Graduate teaching assistantships are available to students in all programs and are awarded by open competition.

Other Relevant Information
The application deadline for fall semester is January 15; students are admitted for the fall semester only.

Degrees
- Public History (MA) [link]
- Public History (PhD) [link]
- Public History (Minor) [link]

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