

Arizona State University  
**Public History and Scholarly Publishing Program**



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The Arizona State University Public History Program is one of the oldest, largest and most diversified in the world. Since 1980, the program has enabled students to earn M.A.s and Ph.D.s and to specialize in local and community history, historic preservation and cultural resources management, historical administration, museum studies, public policy history and scholarly publishing.

**Type of Program:** Public History Graduate Program

**Degree(s) offered:** M.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History  
Ph.D. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History

**Concentration(s):**

- Museum Studies
- Historic Preservation
- Historical Administration
- Local/Community History
- Editing
- Oral History
- Public Policy
- Publishing

**Course Offerings:**

- HST 502 Public History Methodologies; required; offered annually in the fall semester
- HST 598 Cultural Institutions and Public Practice; required; offered annually in the spring semester.
- HST 591 Seminar in Public History; required; offered annually in the spring semester
- HST 525 Historical Resource Management; elective; offered every other year
- HST 526 Historic Preservation for Historians; elective; offered every other year
- HST 527 Historical Administration; elective; offered every other year
- HST 584 Internship; Required, 320 hours; offered every year
- HST 598 Global Public Practice; elective; offered every other year
- HST 700 Readings in Public History; elective; offered every semester

**Thesis required?** Yes

**Special project required?** No

**Description:** N/A

**Credit Hour Requirement:** For the M.A., 39-44 depending on the area chosen; for the Ph.D., 84 credit hours beyond the Bachelor's degree.

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** Students, with guidance from Coordinator of Internships

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 6 hours of internship

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** The Coordinator of Internships requires an internship proposal, a final report and a letter from the sponsor.

**Places where students have interned in the past three years:**

- National Museum of American History
- Smithsonian Institution (2)
- National Portrait gallery
- Smithsonian Institution
- US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Washington, DC
- Arizona State Archives
- City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office
- Tempe History Museum

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: 3.3 for the M.A.; 3.5 for the Ph.D.  
Statement of Purpose  
Letter(s) of Recommendation  
Transcripts  
Writing Sample  
GRE Aptitude Score

**Financial Aid Available:**

Loans  
Assistantships  
Stipends

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: 12500 PhD: 14000

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: 8 Scholarships: 3

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: N/A MA: 7 PhD: 5

**Placement assistance offered?** Faculty work to find jobs for students but internships frequently produce them.

**Employers who have hired your graduates in the past three years:**

- Director, Public History, West Virginia University
- Tenure-track Assistant Professor, West Texas A&M University
- Arizona State Archives
- The Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix
- Arizona State Library
- History Associates, Inc., Rockville, MD
- CRM consulting firms in the Southwest