

Kent State University
Public History

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Est. in 1988, the Public History Program at Kent State University (M.A. and Ph.D. *) focuses on the administration of historical organizations with courses and internships in archives, editing, historic preservation, and museum studies; approximately 5-7 students are admitted each year. *In 2009, a major field in public history was added to the doctoral program.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

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

Concentration(s):

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation
- Historical Administration
- Library Science Program
- Local/Community History
- Editing

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered every other year
- Public History Colloquium; required; offered every other year
- Internships; required; offered year-round
- Courses in archives, editing, historic preservation, and museum studies are offered in cognate departments, schools, and colleges (e.g., Library Science, Architecture, School of Art)

Thesis required? Yes (The thesis is required for students on appointment; otherwise, it's optional)

Special project required? No

Description: N/A

Credit Hour Requirement: M.A. 36; Ph.D. 60

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Program director in collaboration with the student

Credit hours earned for internships: 3-6 hours

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Evaluation by program director and on-site supervisor; students also complete an evaluation (on-line & 3-5 page candid evaluation)

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- Kent Historical Society
- Portage County Historical Society
- Kent State University Fashion Museum
- Kent State University Archives
- Summit County Historical Society

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 3
Statement of Purpose
Letter(s) of Recommendation
Transcripts
Writing Sample
GRE Aptitude Score

Financial Aid Available:

Assistantships
Tuition Waiver

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: 9500 PhD: 10000

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 3 Scholarships: N/A

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 4-5 PhD: 1

Placement assistance offered? Reference letters; telephone calls; bulletin board with postings; electronic circulation of job postings

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

- local libraries and historical societies; publisher of Colonial Americana magazine