

Mercyhurst College
History BA/Public History Concentration

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Established in 2004, the Mercyhurst College Public History Concentration admits three to four students each year. The program offers a B.A. in History with a Concentration in Public History with the possibility of a dual degree in Public History and Archaeology and Anthropology.

Type of Program: Public History Undergraduate Program

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

Concentration(s): History BA, Concentration in Public History

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History; required, offered every other year
- Material Culture and the Built Landscape; required, offered every other year
- Public History Internship; required, offered continually
- Museum Studies II; required, offered every other year
- Intro to Historic Preservation; not required, offered every other year
- Documentary Film Production; not required, offered every year
- Historical Archaeology; not required, offered every year
- Special Topics in Public History; not required, offered continually
- Senior Project in Public History, required, offered every year

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: This is a project conceptualized by the student, often in collaboration with an outside agency or organization and overseen by the agency and a supervising faculty member. Examples include exhibit scripts, documentary films, and walking and driving tour brochures.

Credit Hour Requirement: 42 (includes all History courses)

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students with help from faculty

Credit hours earned for internships: 3

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? On-site supervisor, in collaboration with faculty internship director. Students generate from the outset Measurable Learning Objectives and these form the basis for their joint evaluation. Students also produce a paper drawn from both their experience and their reading of an appropriate book.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- National Holocaust Memorial Museum (Washington DC)
- Gettysburg National Battlefield
- Plymouth Plantation
- Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens
- Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area
- Eisenhower National Historic Site

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: Students must maintain 2.75 GPA to graduate
Not Applicable/Not Applicable to an Undergraduate Program

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Assistantships

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: N/A PhD: N/A

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

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

Placement assistance offered? Extensive counseling regarding internships and graduate programs. We have extensive contacts with historic sites throughout the region.

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

- Sam Bell Maxey Historic Site (TX)
- West Virginia Office of Historic Preservation
- Thomas Edison Birthplace and Museum