

Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania Applied History Program

Department of History

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Established in 2001, the Applied History Program at Shippensburg University draws on the rich historical resources and institutions of Central Pennsylvania. The program admits approximately 8-10 students per year, with applications accepted for both fall and spring enrollment. The program offers a MA in Applied History, and will be offering a joint MA-MSLS degree in coordination with Clarion University's Department of Library Science beginning in Spring 2011.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered: M.A. in Public History
Joint M.A./M.S.L.S

Concentration(s):

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Applied History; required; offered annually
- Research in Local and Regional History or Computerized Historical Research Methods; one required; each offered every other year
- Advanced Topics in Public History: Historic Preservation and CRM; not required; offered every other year
- Oral History; not required; offered every other year
- Introduction to Archives; not required; offered annually during the summer session
- Introduction to Museum Studies; not required; offered every other year
- Seminar in the Civil War Era, not required; offered every other year
- U.S. Cultural History; not required; offered every other year
- Seminar in U.S. Women's History, not required, offered every other year
- Gilded Age and Progressive Era; not required; offered every other year
- Seminar in U.S. Regional History; not required; offered every other year
- Seminar in Environmental History; not required; offered every other year
- Readings in 20th Century U.S. History; not required; offered every other year
- Seminar in Medieval Studies; not required; offered every three years
- Seminar in East Asia and the Modern World; not required; offered every other year
- Seminar in Modern German History; not required; offered every third year
- Seminar in Comparative Revolutions; not required; offered every other year
- The Islamic World; not required; offered every other year
- Graduate Internship I & II; thesis or internship required; offered every semester
- Thesis I & II; thesis or internship required; offered every semester

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: Students must either complete a Thesis or a six-credit Internship that includes a special project.

Credit Hour Requirement: 30

Internship Required? No

Who arranges internships? Student in consultation with Graduate Internship Coordinator

Credit hours earned for internships: 6 credits

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Evaluation is done by a faculty member selected by the student. The faculty supervisor will evaluate the intern based on weekly journals, an internship project, a final paper, and supervisor performance evaluations, and a site visit.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Antietam National Military Park
- U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center
- Cumberland County Historical Society
- Pennsylvania State Archives
- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
- Westminster Archives (London)
- Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 2.75
Statement of Purpose
Transcripts
Online Application

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Assistantships
Tuition Waiver

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: \$5200 + tuition waiver (assistantship) PhD: N/A

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 4 in the History Department, 4-5 in other offices of the university (graduate assistantships) Scholarships: N/A

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 8-10 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? Student have full use of Shippensburg University's Career Development Center, including participation in on-campus interviews, job fairs, and student-only job listings. Students also receive assistance with job searches, interviewing, and resume writing,

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

- Harpers Ferry National Historic Park
- Gettysburg National Military Park
- Adams County Historical Society
- West Virginia Division of Culture and History
- Abraham Lincoln Home National Historic Site
- Cumberland County Historical Society
- U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center
- Lutheran Theological Seminary Archives (Gettysburg)
- Heritage Center of Lancaster County