



University of Massachusetts Amherst  
**Public History Program**

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Established in 1986, the Public History program at UMass Amherst typically admits between six and eight students per year. Students complete an MA in History, and a Graduate Certificate in Public History. A concentration in Archives Management is offered in partnership with Simmons College.

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

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

**Concentration(s):**

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation
- Oral History
- Public Policy
- Non-Print Media/Media studies

**Course Offerings:**

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually Fall semesters
- American Material Culture; not required; offered every other Spring
- Museum and Historic Site Interpretation; not required; offered every other Spring
- Historic Preservation Theory and Practice; not required; offered every other year
- Writing History; not required; offered every other year
- Digital History; not required; offered every other year
- Landscape and Memory; not required; offered regularly
- Oral History Theory and Method; not required; offered regularly

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?**

**Description:** Students are required to complete Field Service projects as part of their ongoing coursework; the capstone experience is a 300-hr internship.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 38

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** students, with assistance from faculty

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 6

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** The quality of the internship experience is evaluated by the program director as it is shaped in consultation with the student and host institution.

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

- Historic Deerfield (MA)
- Strawbery Banke Museum (NH)
- Historic New England (MA)
- Monadnock Media (MA)
- the Valley Women's History Collaborative (MA)
- Trustees of Reservations (MA)
- Hancock Shaker Village (MA)

**Admission Requirements:**

- Minimum GPA: N/A
- Statement of Purpose
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Writing Sample
- GRE Aptitude Score

**Financial Aid Available:**

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: \$15,519.20      PhD: N/A

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: 6      Scholarships: N/A

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: N/A      MA: 14      PhD: N/A

**Placement assistance offered?** N/A

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

- the National Archives
- the National Park Service
- the Lower East Side Tenement Museum
- Mount Holyoke College Art Library
- the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society
- the Macmillan Group
- the Illinois State Museum
- the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College
- the Southern Oral History Program at the University of North Carolina