

University of Nevada Las Vegas
Public History Program

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Established in 2000, the UNLV Public History Program admits 8 to 10 M.A. & Ph.D. students each year. Our program offers an MA and Ph.D. in History with fully integrated Public History field. Approximately 67 students have graduated from the program, with a current average of 11 students graduating annually. The program specializes in innovative cooperative federal and regional research partnerships. Recent projects include: an eight-year partnership with the National Park Service to research the historic and cultural resources of Western National Parks, The Nevada Test Site Oral history Project and Preserve Nevada a statewide cultural research and preservation group. Preserve Nevada's unique research and advocacy efforts linking cultural preservation and environmental sustainability have been featured in publications like; The New York Times, The San Francisco Chronicle, Preservation Magazine, Public History News, Docomomo-US, Preservation Forum, and The Chicago Tribune.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered:

B.A. in History
M.A. in History
Ph.D. in History
M.A. in History w/ a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
Ph.D. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History

Concentration(s): Archival Practices
Historic Preservation
Editing
Oral History

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually
- Methods for the Study of Public History; required; offered annually
- Internship in Public History; required; offered annually
- History and Public Policy; offered every other year
- Museums and American Culture; offered every other year
- Modern Archives: Theory and Method; offered every other year
- Topics in Public History; offered every semester

Thesis required? No

Special project required? No
Description: N/A

Credit Hour Requirement: 18

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Public History Faculty

Credit hours earned for internships: 3-6

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Internships are evaluated by public history faculty, other graduate faculty and institutional partner supervisors. Evaluation of internship experience is based on a student experience report and letter from field supervisor.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- The National Park Service
- The National Forest Service
- BLM, Bureau of Reclamation
- The Department of Energy
- The National Trust, State cultural agencies
- The Autry National Center
- and a wide range of private cultural resource management and humanities organizations across Nevada and California.

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: Overall 3.0 History 3.2
Statement of Purpose
Letter(s) of Recommendation
Transcripts
Writing Sample
GRE Aptitude Score

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Assistantships
Stipends
Fellowships

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: 15000 PhD: 22000

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 18 Scholarships: N/A

How many students are admitted annually? BA: 150 MA: 7 PhD: 4

Placement assistance offered? Students gain real world experience in seminars and classes before the internship. Students work closely with agency and institutional partners throughout their program of study establishing a competitive professional record before graduation.

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

- The National Park Service
- The National Forest Service
- The BLM
- The Autry National Center
- The Nevada State Museum
- The Atomic Testing Museum
- The Department of the Navy
- Colleges and Universities.