

University of New Orleans  
**MA in History, Concentration in Public History (Local and Military)**

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Established in 2008, the M.A. Concentration in Public History offers two tracks: local/community history and military history. The curriculum combines regular M.A. requirements with courses in the theory and practice of public history and an internship at a museum, archive or library. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours, culminating with a thesis and a comprehensive oral examination. The program admits about 8 students to the Public History concentration each year.

**Type of Program:** Related Graduate Program

**Degree(s) offered:** B.A. in History  
M.A. in History  
M.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History  
Ph.D. in Urban Studies with urban history as the major or minor field

**Concentration(s):**

- Local/Community History
- Military History

**Course Offerings:**

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually
- Public History Methods; required; offered annually
- Internship; required; offered every semester, including summer;
- Electives:
  - o New Media Methods; not required; offered every other year
  - o Oral History Methods; not required; offered every other year

**Thesis required?** Yes

**Special project required?** Not at present

**Description:** N/A

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 30

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** Dr. Connie Atkinson

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 3

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who tracks the student's progress. Students are required to keep a weekly journal, which the advisor uses to evaluate progress; advisor meets with student regularly & reads final evaluation of student's on-site supervisor

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

- Louisiana State Museum
- University of New Orleans Earl K. Long Library Special Collections
- Historic New Orleans Collection
- Archives of the Archdiocese of New Orleans
- Touro Infirmary Archives
- French Quarter Festival
- Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, NPS
- National World War II Museum
- New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, National Park Service
- Henry Stanley International Research Project

**Admission Requirements:**

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

**Financial Aid Available:**

- Loans
- Scholarships
- Assistantships
- Stipends
- Tuition Waiver
- In-State Status

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: \$10,000; most are \$5500      PhD: N.A.

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: 7 overall; 3 for public history      Scholarships: 3 to 5

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: N.A.      MA: 8      PhD: N.A.

**Placement assistance offered?**

1. Graduate coordinator and internship supervisor help student pick a member of faculty to work with student.
2. Faculty advisor supplies evaluation methods, including syllabus, to student and on-site institution.
3. Internship Advisor supplies both students and sites hosting interns with information explaining the role of internships within the UNO history department curriculum and the academic requirements for student internships.
4. Faculty, the internship supervisor, the intern, and the on-site supervisor maintain contact throughout the internship.

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

- National World War II Museum
- Historic New Orleans Collection
- Louisiana State Museum
- Burning Cane Native American Museum