

University of Vermont
Historic Preservation Program

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The University of Vermont Historic Preservation Program admits each fall about 12 graduate students with degrees in history, architectural history, and other fields. The 3-semester program offers an MS in Historic Preservation and is certified by the National Council for Preservation Education. Over 260 have graduated since 1977. Many are professional historic preservationists, working in government service, for nonprofit organizations, as consultants, and for cultural resource management firms.

Type of Program: Related Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered: M.S. Historic Preservation

Concentration(s): Historic Preservation

Course Offerings:

- History of American Architecture; required; offered annually
- History on the Lnad; required; offered annually
- Historic Preservation Development Economics; required; offered every other year
- Historic Preservation Law; required; offered annually
- Researching Historic Structures and Sites; required; offered annually
- Community Preservation Project; required; offered annually
- Graduate Internship; required in lieu of Thesis; offered annually
- Contemporary Preservation Policy and Planning; required; offered annually
- Historic Preservation Practice Methods; required; offered annually
- Architectural Conservation I; required; offered annually
- Architectural Conservation II; required; offered annually
- Master's Thesis; by permission in lieu of Graduate Internship; offered annually

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: Advocacy is the fundamental activity that separates historic preservation from that of general history. In addition to being historians of the built and cultural environments, we are advocates for the preservation of historic resources. We speak for these resources and engage the public in conservation efforts. Thus, the course's principal project assignment will involve the development of community preservation projects for non-profit and public-sector organizations or agencies, serving as advocates for the resources in question and in some way benefiting such organizations and agencies.

Credit Hour Requirement: 36

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students arrange to be hired as interns with advise and suggestions from Program Director.

Credit hours earned for internships: 3

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Program Director oversees the internship course. Students are evaluated through oral presentations, written reports, and performance assessment letters from supervisors.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- National Park Service
- Bandelier National Monument
- National Park Service Southeast Regional Office
Atlanta
- National Historic Landmarks Program Stratford Hall,
Virginia
- Shelburne Farms, Vermont
- Vermont Division for Historic Preservation
- New York Landmarks Conservancy's Sacred Sites
program
- Historic Windsor, Vermont
- Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana
- Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia
- Municipal Art Society of New York
- West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office
- Vermont Agency of Transportation
- City of Montpelier, VT
- City of South Burlington, VT
- National Park Service Rivers and Trails program
- Nantucket Preservation Trust
- National Park Service Intermountain Regional Office,
Santa Fe, NM

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: Most admitted have 3.0 or higher
Statement of Purpose
Letter(s) of Recommendation
Transcripts
Writing Sample
GRE Aptitude Score

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Assistantships
Stipends
Fellowships
Tuition Waiver
In-State Status

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: 7500 PhD: N/A

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 1 Graduate College Fellowship, 5 Graduate Teaching Assistantships
Scholarships: N/A

How many students are admitted annually? BA: 0 MA: 12 (MS) PhD: 0

Placement assistance offered? Faculty advisors solicit job postings nationally and forward these to students and graduates and post on the UVM Historic Preservation Job Board.

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

- National Park Service, Santa Fe, NM
- Main Street Oberlin, Ohio
- Federal Emergency Management Agency,
Philadelphia, PA
- Texas Historical Commission, Austin, TX
- New Hampshire Department of Transportation
- Kansas State Historic Preservation Office, Topeka, KS
- EBI Consulting, Burlington, MA
- Louis Berger Group, Albany, NY
- Maine Preservation
- Planning Department, Town of Brookline,
Massachusetts
- Jane Addams/Hull-House Museum, Chicago
- Mead & Hunt, Austin, TX
- Neighborhood Housing Services, New Haven, CT