

California State University, Fullerton
Master's in History, Emphasis in Public History

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Established in 1985, the Master's in History, Public History Emphasis admits four to eight students each year. The program offers an MA in history with an emphasis in Public History, and is closely associated with the Center for Oral and Public History. Four to five students graduate per year.

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
- Historic Preservation
- Oral History

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually
- Graduate Seminar in Public History; required; offered annually
- Community History; elective; offered every other year
- Oral History; elective, offered every year
- Practicum in Public History; elective, offered every year
- American Visual and Material History; elective, offered every other year
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- Graduate Internship in History; required; offered continuously
- History Project; required; offered continuously
- Public History students are also required to take the following:
 - o Theory and History; required; offered every year
 - o Reading Seminar in American History; required; offered every year.

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: Museum exhibitions, museum education projects, web sites, theses, or other project in consultation with advisor.

Credit Hour Requirement: 30

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students, academic advisors, and supervisors

Credit hours earned for internships: 3-6

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? The internship coordinator evaluates students based on a learning contract created with the site, site visit by the coordinator, and a reflection essay written by the student.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum
- Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Harpers Ferry National Historic Park
- Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site
- Joshua Tree National Park
- San Diego Historical Society
- Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, National Archives
- Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, National Archives
- Crystal Cove State Park
- Center for Oral and Public History, California State University, Fullerton
- Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust
- South Central Coastal Information Center, California State Parks Office of Historic Preservation

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 3
Statement of Purpose
Letter(s) of Recommendation
Transcripts

Financial Aid Available:

Fellowships
In-State Status

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

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: N/A Scholarships: 2

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: four to eight PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? We encourage membership in professional organizations, attendance at national and regional conferences, and provide letters of support.

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

- George W. Bush Presidential Library, National Archives
- Mission San Juan Capistrano
- Wende Museum of the Cold War
- Center for Oral and Public History, California State University, Fullerton