

New York University
M.A. in Archives and Public History



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New York University has long-established graduate programs in archival management (1977) and public history (1981). We combined and reconfigured these programs into a new M.A. in Archives and Public History, with concentrations in either archives or public history, in 2007 and admit approximately fifteen students per year. In addition to the M.A., we offer Advanced Certificates in both Archives and Public History, as well as a dual degree MA/MLIS Program in conjunction with the Palmer School of Library and Information Science. Several hundred students have graduated from the program since the 1970s.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered: M.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
Ph.D. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
M.A. in Archives and Public History

Concentration(s):

- Archives
- Public History

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History; required for public history concentration; offered annually
- Introduction to Archives; required for archives concentration; offered annually
- Creating Digital History; required; offered annually
- Approaches to Public History; required for public history concentration; offered annually
- Internship Seminar; required; offered annually
- Advanced Archival Description; required for archives concentration; offered annually
- Research Seminar; required; offered every semester
- History in the New Media; not required; offered annually
- Institutional Archives and Electronic Records; not required; offered every other year
- Historian and the Visual Record; not required; offered every other year
- Seminar in Historical Editing; not required; offered every other year
- Introduction to Preservation and Reformatting; not required; offered every other year
- Topics in Archives and Public History; not required; offered periodically
- Other courses offered and cross-listed with Museum Studies, Moving Image Archives Program, and various other departments; not required; offered periodically

Thesis required? Yes

Special project required? Yes

Description: A capstone project is required in the program, which can take the form of a thesis, or which can involve, for example, an exhibit, an online documentary edition, a web-based learning resource, or any number of similar public history projects.

Credit Hour Requirement: 32

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Peter J Wosh, Program Director and Instructor

Credit hours earned for internships: 4

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Program Director and Site Supervisor jointly. Students are required to produce a final product, along with self-evaluations, descriptive logs, and similar materials

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- New York Philharmonic Archives
- New-York Historical Society
- Brooklyn Historical Society
- Museum of American Finance
- International Coalition of Sites of Conscience
- American Jewish Historical Society
- Metropolitan Museum of Art Archives
- Papers of John Jay
- New York Public Library Digital Experience Team
- Museum of Jewish Heritage
- New York City Sanitation Museum
- City Lore/Place Matters
- Museum of the City of New York
- Tamiment Library/Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives
- Fales Manuscript Library
- Rolling Stone Magazine
- Mount Sinai Medical Center Archives
- Frick Art Museum
- New York City Police Museum
- Lower East Side Tenement Museum
- Archives of Irish America
- Margaret Sanger Papers Project
- National Archives

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 3.3
Statement of Purpose
Letter(s) of Recommendation
Transcripts
Writing Sample
GRE Aptitude Score

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Stipends
Tuition Waiver

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: 14000 PhD: 24000

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 2 Scholarships: 2

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 15 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? New York University Placement Office, personal assistance from director, alumni events, networking opportunities

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

- American University Archives
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Brooklyn Historical Society
- University of Southern California Archives
- 9/11 Museum
- Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives
- Guggenheim Museum
- Alcoholics Anonymous Archives
- Center for Jewish History
- American History Workshop
- Norman Rockwell Museum
- National Archives and Records Administration
- Columbia University Archives
- New York University Department of Preservation Services
- Fales Library