

Ball State University  
**Public History Internship Program**

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Established in 1987, Ball State University's Public History Internship Program is among the oldest undergraduate programs in the USA. It has approximately two dozen majors enrolled at any given time, and five to seven graduates annually. Students earn 33 credit hours in History, the majority of these in upper-division courses; nine to twelve credits are given for completing full-time, semester-long internships.

**Type of Program:** Public History Undergraduate Program

**Degree(s) offered:** B.A. or B.S. in History with a Concentration in Public History

**Concentration(s):** Public History

**Course Offerings:**

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually
- Research Methods; required; offered annually
- Historiography; required; offered annually
- Oral History Workshop; elective; offered biannually

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** Students complete a special project or projects for their internship site and document it in an internship portfolio. The portfolio also includes a work log; daily reflective journal entries that record what they learned about the practice of history in a public setting on that date; a midterm and a final report.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 126 credit hours for a B.A. or B.S. degree, 33 of which must be earned in History courses.

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** The Program Director.

**Credit hours earned for internships:** A minimum of 9 and a maximum of 12.

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** The Program Director in consultation with the Internship site supervisor. Criteria are accessible on the program website < [http://mwdoyle.iweb.bsu.edu/hist\\_300-369/Forms/](http://mwdoyle.iweb.bsu.edu/hist_300-369/Forms/) >.

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

- Yosemite National Park
- Denali National Park
- Smithsonian Institution
- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum
- George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens
- Sagamore Institute of the Adirondacks
- Chicago History Museum
- Indiana State Museum
- The Hermitage - Home of President Andrew Jackson
- The Henry Ford
- Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
- International Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum
- Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research
- Indiana Landmarks
- Conner Prairie
- Arctic Interagency Visitors Center
- National Model Aviation Museum
- Allen County-Fort Wayne (Ind.) History Center

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: 2.75/4.0 overall GPA; 3.0/4.0 cumulative GPA in History courses  
Not Applicable/Not Applicable to an Undergraduate Program

**Financial Aid Available:**

Loans  
Scholarships  
Assistantships

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

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

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: 5-7 MA: N/A PhD: N/A

**Placement assistance offered?** Program Director and University's Career Center work closely with recent graduates to help them find professional employment in the field. Over 50% of new alumni from our program who are actively seeking employment find it within 6 mos. of graduating or are admitted to graduate school.

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

- Chicago History Museum
- The Hermitage - Home of President Andrew Jackson
- Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago
- Time/Warner, NY
- International Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
- Indiana Landmarks
- Indiana Historical Society
- National Park Service
- Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
- Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- Indiana State Museum
- National Model Aviation Museum
- Brownsville (Tex.) Historical Association
- Allen County-Fort Wayne (Ind.) History Center