

California State University Sacramento Capital Campus Public History Program

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Established in 1989, the Capital Campus Public History Program at California State University Sacramento admits fifteen to twenty students each year. The program offers an MA in history with emphasis in archival management, museums, historic preservation, and cultural resources management. Approximately ninety students have graduated from the program. A joint PhD with the University of California at Santa Barbara is also available.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered: B.A. in History
M.A. in Public History
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A joint PhD with UCSB is available.

Concentration(s):

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation
- Oral History

Course Offerings:

- Public History Principles and Techniques; required; offered annually
- Public History Research Seminar; required; offered annually
- Archives; elective; offered biannually
- Oral History; elective; offered biannually
- Museum Studies; elective; offered biannually
- Historic Preservation; elective; offered biannually
- History and Memory; required; offered annually
- Interpretation in U.S. History; required; offered every semester

Thesis required? Yes

Special project required? Yes

Description: Students may either complete a traditional academic thesis or a thesis project related to their specific field of study. Examples of projects include archival finding aids, National Register of Historic Places nominations, museum exhibits, and oral history projects. Projects are preferred over theses.

Credit Hour Requirement: 36

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students arrange internships in conjunction with the program director.

Credit hours earned for internships: A total of nine hours are required.

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Students are evaluated by their site supervisors and the internship program director based on work ethic, professional orientation, productivity and work quality.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- California State Archives
- State Parks
- State Office of Historic Preservation
- Center for Sacramento History
- California Museum
- Private consulting firms

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 3.0 during last 60 units/3.25 in history courses
Statement of Purpose
Two Letter(s) of Recommendation
Transcripts
Writing Sample

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: 2

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 17 PhD: 2

Placement assistance offered? N/A

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

- California State Archives
- State Parks
- State Office of Historic Preservation
- Private Consulting firms
- City of Sacramento