

California State University, San Bernardino
CSUSB Public and Oral History Program



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The CSUSB program for Public and Oral History was created in 2002. It offers undergraduate students an in-depth introduction to various fields of public and oral history, including museum management, archival practices, historical archaeology, historic preservation and oral history. The program attracts fifteen to twenty majors each year and has been successful in placing students in internships and graduate programs.

Type of Program: Public History Undergraduate Program

Degree(s) offered: B.A. in Public and Oral History

Concentration(s):

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually
- Introduction to Oral History; required; offered every year
- Museum and Archive Management; elective; offered every year
- Archival Practices; elective; offered every year
- Exhibit Design; elective; offered every other year
- Museum Methods; elective; offered every year
- Historical Archaeology; elective; offered every year
- Historic Preservation; elective; offered infrequently
- Historical Documentaries; elective; offered every other year
- Internships; required; offered every quarter

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: Students must complete a senior research seminar in which they produce a 25-page original history research paper.

Credit Hour Requirement: 82 credits in the major

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students are responsible for selecting their internships in consultation with a member of the faculty. When possible, faculty try to match students with internships that closely match the students' interests and area of concentration within the field of public history.

Credit hours earned for internships: 4 credits are required, 4 additional credits may be applied toward electives

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? The supervising faculty evaluates the internship on the basis of student papers reporting on their internship experience, evaluations completed by the host organization, and internship outcomes.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- National Archives
- Pechanga
- Howard Dean Museum
- Coachella Valley Historical Society
- Manzanar National Historic Site
- San Bernardino County Archives
- San Bernardino Community Hospital
- Heritage Consortium of Inland Southern California
- Water Resources Institute
- San Bernardino County Museum
- Museum of Tolerance
- Smithsonian National History Museum
- A.K. Smiley Library
- Riverside County Archives

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 3.0 GPA is required for placement in an internship

Not Applicable/Not Applicable to an Undergraduate Program

Financial Aid Available:

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: 15-20 MA: N/A PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? Faculty help place students in internships and help students network with graduate programs to make a smooth transition to graduate studies.

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