

Eastern Illinois University
Historical Administration Program

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The MA in Historical Administration at Eastern Illinois University was established in 1975. This intensive one-year program has over 260 alumni, with the vast majority of them working in the museum field. We admit, on average, ten students per year. Our program partners include the AAM-accredited Tarble Arts Center, and the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site.

Type of Program: Related Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered: M.A. in History with
Historical Administration Option

Concentration(s): Historical Administration

Course Offerings:

- Administration of Historical Organizations; offered annually, required
- Historical Interpretation and Research Methods in Local History; required; offered annually
- Historic Preservation in the US; required; offered annually
- History Museum Exhibits 1; required; offered annually
- History Museum Exhibits 2; required; offered annually
- Digital Applications in Museums 1; required; offered annually
- Digital Applications in Museums 2; required; offered annually
- Material Life in America; required; offered annually
- Archival Methods; required; offered annually
- History of American Architecture; required; offered annually
- Graduate seminar in US history; required; offered annually

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: Students are required to complete a special project as part of their internship, thus the projects vary widely and are geared to the students' particular interests.

Credit Hour Requirement: 37

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students arrange their own internships, with guidance from the HA faculty

Credit hours earned for internships: 6

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Intern, intern supervisor, HA faculty all evaluate the internship formally or informally. Successful internships require the fulfillment of internship and special project goals established at the beginning of the internship.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- The Henry Ford
- ~~AAA~~ Louisiana State Museum
- Charleston, SC National Park Service sites
- Patriots Point, SC
- ~~AAA~~ Maine State Museum
- ~~AAA~~ Macon County Park and Recreation District, IL
- ~~AAA~~ Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation
- ~~AAA~~ Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, IL
- ~~AAA~~ Mint Museum of Art, NC
- Fort Missoula, MT
- Grand Rapids Public Museum, MI
- Historic Wagner Farm, IL
- ~~AAA~~ Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum
- Missouri State Museum
- Soldiers Memorial, MO

Admission Requirements:

- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- Statement of Purpose
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- HA application form

Financial Aid Available:

- Scholarships
- Assistantships
- Tuition Waiver

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: 8550 PhD: N/A

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 8 Scholarships: 1

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 10 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? job announcements; alumni network; faculty professional network; letters of recommendation; resume crafting

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

- ~~AAA~~ Museum of Northern Arizona
- Santa Fe Trail Center
- The Henry Ford
- ~~AAA~~ Illinois State Military Museum
- Historic Fort Snelling
- Toy and Miniature Museum, KC
- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation
- University of Denver Museum of Anthropology
- Dakota Discovery Museum
- Food Literacy Project, Oxmoore Farms
- Dickinson Museum Center
- DuPage County Historical Museum
- ~~AAA~~ Naper Settlement
- ~~AAA~~ McDonald's Corporate Archives
- ~~AAA~~ Historical Museum at Fort Missoula
- Carver County Historical Museum, MI