

Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis (IUPUI)
Graduate Program in Public History



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The Department of History at IUPUI has offered Masters-level training in public history since the mid-1980s. More than 100 students have graduated from the program, with 4 to 8 students graduating on an annual basis. Public history at IUPUI admits five to ten students per year, depending on the applicant pool and available funding. The program offers an MA in history with a public history track; joint Masters degrees with the School of Library and Information Science and the Center on Philanthropy. Students may earn certificates in Museum Studies and Documentary Editing. The program has a close working relationship with Museum Studies.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

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

Concentration(s):

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation
- Historical Administration
- Material History
- Editing
- Oral History
- Philanthropic studies

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History, Required, Offered Annually
- Practicum/Internship, Required, Offered Every Semester
- Colloquium in US History, Required, Offered Annually
- Seminar in US History, Required, Offered Annually
- Historiography or Methodology, Required, Offered Annually
- Historic Preservation, not required, offered every other year
- Historic Site Administration, required for Museum Studies Certificate, offered every year
- Historic Site Interpretation, not required, offered every other year
- Material History, not required, offered every second or third year
- Local and Community History, not required, offered every second or third year

Thesis required? Yes

Special project required? No

Description: N/A

Credit Hour Requirement: 36

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Director of Public History

Credit hours earned for internships: Four credit hours count towards the 36 needed to graduate.

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Interns submit monthly reports and attend intern seminars. Intern supervisors and director of public history evaluate internships.

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

- Chicago History Museum
- Conner Prairie Interactive History Park *
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
- Indiana Landmarks
- Indiana Historical Society
- Indiana Medical History Museum
- Indiana Historical Bureau
- Indiana State Archives
- Indiana State Supreme Court
- Indiana State Museum
- Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
- Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission*
- National Council on Public History
- Ronald McDonald House of Indiana
- Santayana Documentary Editing Project
- Washington Township Cemetery Project

Admission Requirements:

- Minimum GPA: 3
- Statement of Purpose
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- GRE Aptitude Score

Financial Aid Available:

- Assistantships
- Stipends
- Fellowships
- Tuition Waiver

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: \$9,500 for paid internships; \$12,000 University Fellowships PhD: N/A

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 18 Scholarships: University Fellows 1 to 3 each year; awarded at campus level.

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 6 or 7 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? We have contacts with all of the cultural resources institutions in the metro area and many around the country. We offer intern seminars on apply for, and interviewing for, positions. We network with potential employers, promoting both the students and the program.

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

- Dayton History
- Indiana Historical Society
- Indiana Historical Bureau
- Indiana State Library
- Indiana Landmarks
- Indiana State Parks
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources.
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Indiana
- Weintraut and Associates
- Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center
- Newport Restoration Foundation
- Chicago History Museum
- Tampa-Hillsborough County (Florida) Public Library Cooperative Adult Programs