

Niagara University
Public History Minor

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The Public History Minor was established in May 2011 at Niagara University. Although the minor is new, students have taken Introduction to Public History, Introduction to Grant Writing, Introduction to Museum Studies, and the history internship course for many years. The Castellani Museum is located on the campus of Niagara University and has trained interns, and students are placed in other cultural or history sites in the region.

Type of Program: Related Undergraduate Program

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

Concentration(s):

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History (Required); offered every other year
- Introduction to Grant Writing (Required); offered every other year
- History Internship of 120 hours (Required); offered each semester
- Plus two courses in a related field.

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: Special projects vary. In the past, students have created exhibits, conducted oral histories, written company histories, worked as site interpreters, created public relations policies, and so on.

Credit Hour Requirement: 15 credit hours are needed for a Public History minor concentration.

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Dr. Shannon M. Risk

Credit hours earned for internships: 3 credit hours for a total of 120 hours of internship per semester

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Dr. Risk and the host site supervisor. Interns are evaluated at midterm and end-of-term for work ethic, creativity, and completion of project to high standards.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- Castellani Art Museum
- Old Fort Niagara
- Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site
- Niagara Heritage of Hope and Service
- Niagara County Historical Society
- Wilson Town Library
- Niagara University Library
- Niagara University Legal Counsel

- Historic Lewiston
- New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Office

- New York State Senator Charles Schumer's Office

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 2.5

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Scholarships

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: 10 MA: N/A PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? Dr. Risk contacts host sites each semester to learn of new internship opportunities and posts them within the History Department, as well as online through the university's Career Services website.

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