

## Rhode Island College

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Established in 2010, the Public History program at Rhode Island College currently offers a 15 credit certificate in Public History. As a public institution of higher learning, Rhode Island College is committed to broad education, and the new but expanding Public History program exemplifies the college's engagement with society. The college is also ideally situated to take advantage of the countless opportunities for involvement in public history projects throughout New England.

**Type of Program:** Public History 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 annually
- Internship in Applied History; required; offered every semester
- Rhode Island History; required; offered every year
- Reading Course in History; required; offered every semester

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** The internship requirement includes a related research paper.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 15

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** Students arrange internships, with the assistance of the Director of the Public History Program

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 4-6

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** Internships are evaluated by the Faculty Advisor and the site supervisor.

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

- Cranston Library
- John Brown House
- Slater Mill
- RISD Museum
- Pettaquamscutt Historical Society
- Rhode Island State Archives

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: N/A  
Not Applicable/Not Applicable to an Undergraduate Program

**Financial Aid Available:**

Loans  
In-State Status

**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?** RIC's program is linked to the public history community through a Public History Advisory Board. This means that local organizations are involved in the program, expanding individual student's networking possibilities. Of course letters of introduction and recommendation are made available.

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

- National Park Service
- Rhode Island State Archives