

Royal Holloway, University of London  
**MA Public History**

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Introduced in September 2009, the MA in Public History offered by Royal Holloway provides a vocational qualification for history-related employment in the media, including film, television and print journalism, museums and heritage organisations. The MA is the first in the country to make a deliberate project of engaging postgraduates in the core ideas, debates and best practices in the field of public history conceived in the broadest possible sense.

The course, run over one year (two part-time) is composed of modules covering historical research, popular writing, public presentations of history and oral history. A further module allows students to pursue an independent research project, often culminating in an exhibition, piece of oral history, publishable article or radio programme.

In designing the course the needs of potential employers, such as English Heritage, the National Trust and Historic Royal Palaces, were engaged with, and the construction of the various modules drew on their insights and expertise. The course aims to produce people capable of communicating ideas about the past in a range of public spaces and media.

Located in the largest history department in the University of London, the course draws on a diversity of expertise. Teaching and research staff interests range from the ancient to the contemporary, are global in coverage and varied in the approaches taken in understanding

**Type of Program:** Public History Graduate Program

**Degree(s) offered:** M.A. in Public History

**Concentration(s):**

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation
- Oral History

**Course Offerings:** MA Public History annually

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** The project can take the form of a radio programme, podcast, website, iphone app or other written form. The aim is to show engagement with an external partner institution and produce a product to a professional standard

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 8 taught hours per week

**Internship Required?** No

**Who arranges internships?**

**Credit hours earned for internships:**

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?**

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

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: N/A  
Statement of Purpose  
Letter(s) of Recommendation  
Transcripts

**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: N/A MA: 25 PhD: N/A

**Placement assistance offered?** various heritage institutions, museums, archives, television companies etc

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

- BBC
- Jersey Heritage Centre
- Surrey Record Centre