

University at Albany, State University of New York  
**Program in Public History**

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The Program in Public History at the University at Albany, State University of New York was established in 1983. The program offers an MA in Public History and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Public History. The MA program currently requires completion of 36 credits, and the Certificate of Advanced Study requires an additional 18 credits. The program typically admits 10-15 students each year.

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

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

We also offer a Certificate of Advanced Study in Public History, which requires an additional 18 credits beyond the MA.

**Concentration(s):**

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historical Administration
- Historical Archaeology
- Public Policy

**Course Offerings:**

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually
- Introduction to Historical Agency Management and Practice; not required; offered annually
- Introduction to Historic Preservation; not required; offered every other year
- Curatorial Practices for History Museum; not required; offered every other year
- Interpretation of Historic Sites and Artifacts; not required; offered every other year
- Material Culture Studies; not required; offered every other year
- Public History Internship; required; offered every semester, including summers

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** The project derives from the internship, which is project oriented.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** MA, 36 credit hours; Certificate of Advanced Study, 18 credit hours beyond the MA

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** Program Director

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 6

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

Program director and on-site supervisor. Internship is full time for one semester. Final paper required.

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

Partial List:

- New York State Museum
- Albany Institute of History and Art
- Albany County Hall of Records
- Historic Cherry Hill
- New York City Police Museum
- U.S.S. Slater Destroyer Escort Historical Museum
- Foundation of New York State Nurses
- Adirondack Museum
- Schenectady Museum
- Waterford Historical Museum
- George Eastman House
- Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site
- Fort Stanwix National Monument

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum undergraduate GPA-3.0.

GRE minimum verbal score-500.

**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: 10-15 PhD: N/A

**Placement assistance offered?** Yes

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

Partial List:

- Fraunces Tavern Museum,
- U.S.S. Slater Historical Museum
- Historic Cherry Hill
- Cooperstown History Museum Graduate Program
- Lakes to Locks Passage
- New York State Bureau of Historic Sites
- Martin Van Buren National Historic Site
- Shaker Museum and Library
- FASNY Museum of Firefighting