

University of California, Riverside
Public History Program, Department of History

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Established in 1973, the Public History Program at UCR offers M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history with a concentration in Public History. The program admits five to ten students per year.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

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

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation

Course Offerings:

The following are offered every other year and are required when chosen as an area of specialization:

- Archival Management seminar and practicum
- Historic Preservation seminar and practicum
- Conservation seminar and practicum
- Museum Studies seminar and practicum
- Oral History Methods and Theories; not required; a two-quarter course offered every other year
- Professional Practice for the Public Historian; required; offered every other year
- Internship in Public History; required; offered every quarter
- Theory and Methods: Approaches to Visual and Material Culture Studies; not required; generally offered every other year
- Theory and Methods: Approaches to Public Culture; not required; generally offered every other year
- Family Histories and American Culture; not required; offered occasionally
- Research Seminar in Public History; although one research seminar department-wide is required, it can be in any field

Related courses in the history department (not required, offered on an ad hoc basis):

- Introduction to Public History; Materials for Public History; Documentary Source Study

Related courses in other departments include (a selection fulfills requirement for outside courses):

- Cultural Resources Management; History and Ideology of the Museum
- Anthropology of Tourism
- The Modern City and Modern Architecture
- Photography on Display; History and Memory

- Theories and Methods of visual anthropology and archaeology

Thesis required? Yes

Special project required? Yes

Description: For the M.A. in the Public History Program, students complete a field report that functions as a thesis. It documents and explores issues raised through the student's internship and other relevant work in public history.

Credit Hour Requirement: 40

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Public History Program Director, faculty, and student

Credit hours earned for internships: 8-12 units, repeatable up to 16 units

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Evaluation is completed in two stages. First, the Intern Supervisor evaluates student performance. Then, the student uses monthly logs to continue research on an aspect of the internship, which culminates in a field report. This is examined by two faculty.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- Autry National Center
- City of Los Angeles Historic Preservation Office
- City of Riverside Historic Preservation Office
- Colonial Williamsburg
- Museum of the Holocaust
- National Park Service
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- NBC/Universal Studios Archive
- NMAH/Smithsonian Institution
- Pacifica Radio Archives
- Sherman Indian Institute
- San Bernardino National Forest Applied Archaeology Field School
- California State Parks, Old Town, San Diego

Admission Requirements:

- Minimum GPA: N/A
- Statement of Purpose
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Writing Sample
- GRE Aptitude Score

Financial Aid Available:

- Loans
- Scholarships
- Assistantships
- Stipends
- Fellowships
- Tuition Waiver
- 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: N/A MA: 5 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? N/A

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

- Autry National Center
- Nixon Library and Museum
- Mission Inn Foundation and Museum
- Central Florida University, Orlando
- LSA Associates (Community and Land Use Planning)
- Meiji University, Tokyo
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Native American Land Conservancy
- Northern Cheyenne Tribal Museum, Little Bighorn Community College, Montana