

University of Illinois, Springfield
Public History Concentration

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The Public History program was established in 1978. Areas of study include museum management, archives management, historic preservation (with history of architecture) and material culture study. UIS admits approximately 12 - 15 graduate students a year. More than 200 students have graduated from the program. The department averages about seven graduates a year.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

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

Concentration(s):

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation
- Historical Administration
- Material History
- Local/Community History
- Editing
- Oral History
- Public Policy

Course Offerings:

- Public History Colloquium required, offered annually and required of all students.
- All other public history courses are offered in sequence, beginning with museum studies and offered every year and a half.

Thesis required? Yes

Special project required? Yes

Description: Students have the option to complete either a thesis or a special project. A project is based upon entry-level professional work in the student's field of choice and is directed by the professor and a qualified supervisor in the field. Every project is a professional contribution to the field.

Credit Hour Requirement: Forty-four credits are required for the degree in history. The public history concentration requires 26 hours.

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? The professor arranges the internship with a professional institution in the area, based on student interest.

Credit hours earned for internships: four credits for an internship. And, four credits for a project, for a total of eight credit hours. However, a professional-level project may incorporate hours from the internship side of the program.

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? The professor in charge and often in conjunction with the site supervisor. Students present a portfolio of work based on an internship and project to a M.A. committee comprised of two history faculty and an outside faculty member. Professional competence.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- Dana-Thomas House
- Illinois State Archives
- Illinois State Museum
- A. Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library Strawbridge-Shepherd House (Historic Preservation)

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 3.0 G.P.A.
Statement of Purpose
Transcripts
Writing Sample
Overall G.P.A. minimum of 3.0

Financial Aid Available:

Loans
Scholarships
Assistantships

Maximum annual stipend for: MA: Tuition Waiver PhD: N/A

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: One Scholarships: Two

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 12-15 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? We offer contacts in the field and strong recommendation service. Students are successful getting jobs.

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

- First Division Museum
- Waukegan, IL Historical Museum
- Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- Lincoln Home National Historic Site
- Boston Freedom Trail National Historic Site.