

University of Northern Iowa  
**Public History**

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The graduate program in public history at UNI is young and quickly growing. Established within the last decade to supplement our undergraduate certificate program, it admits 3 to 4 students every year. In addition to coursework and internships, students complete either the thesis required of regular history master's candidates, or they concept, research, design, and defend a full exhibit, presenting it in a portfolio.

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

**Degree(s) offered:**

- B.A. in History
- B.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
- M.A. in History
- M.A. in History with a Public History track

**Concentration(s):**

- Archival Practices
- Material History
- Local/Community History

**Course Offerings:**

- Introduction to Public History; required; offered annually
- Material Culture; required; offered annually
- Museum Studies; not required, offered regularly

**Thesis required?** Yes, for an M.A. on the Public History track.

**Special project required?** Yes, for an M.A. on the Public History track.

**Description:** The project is a electronic portfolio of an exhibit that the student has curated.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 30

**Internship Required?** Yes, two required at the graduate level

**Who arranges internships?** Student with Public History Director

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 3 per internship

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** The Public History Director evaluates the internships for the quality of educational experiences offered and grades the student interns based on input from the organization hosting the intern.

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

- UNI Museum
- Living History Farms
- Cedar Falls Historical Society
- The Grout Museum
- The Hearst Center for the Arts
- The State Historical Society of Iowa

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: N/A  
Statement of Purpose  
Transcripts  
Writing Sample

**Financial Aid Available:**

Loans  
Scholarships  
Assistantships  
In-State Status

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: None PhD: N/A

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: None Scholarships: 1

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: 10 MA: 3 PhD: N/A

**Placement assistance offered?** Networking assistance, preparation of c.v. and other job-seeking advice, assistance with job fairs, distribution of job ads

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