

West Texas A&M University
West Texas A&M University Public History Program

WTAMU Public History Program, Dept. of History
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Established in 2009, the WTAMU Public History Program currently offers a minor in history at the undergraduate level for history majors only, a certification in Public History for non-majors, and an "emphasis" for graduate history majors. Approximately sixty students have participated in the program, with a number of both undergraduate and graduate students slated to complete coursework necessary for the undergraduate minor, certification or emphasis at the graduate level.

Type of Program:

Degree(s) offered:

B.A. in History
B.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
M.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
WTAMU also offers a minor in public history for history majors only.

Concentration(s):

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Local/Community History
- Historical Archaeology

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to Public History as required prerequisite for additional Public History courses or consent of Coordinator, offered each fall.

Thesis required? No

Special project required?

Description: N/A

Credit Hour Requirement: Undergraduate minor requires 18 hours in addition to the hours required for the major. Undergraduates select from a general list of course offerings across campus that dovetail with their interest(s) in public history to complete the minor.

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Dr. Jean Stuntz, Internship Coordinator, with cooperation from the PPHMuseum or a "mentor" at another Public History venue

Credit hours earned for internships: 3 hours per internship

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Internships require at least 120 hours under the guiding influence of a "mentor" at the PPHMuseum or other venue. Requirements include daily journal and 15-20-page paper. Student evaluation dependent on written requirements and mentor recommendations of the mentor .

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- Panhandle Plains Historical Museum
- Ogallala Commons
- WTAMU, in cooperation with the University Development Office

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: N/A
Recommendation from Department of History faculty members and faculty from other departments and colleges.

Financial Aid Available:

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

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: 1 Scholarships: N/A

How many students are admitted annually? BA: 5 MA: 2 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? N/A

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