

Wright State University  
**Masters in History, Public History Concentration**

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Established in 1974, the Public History Program at Wright State University offers a Master's Degree in History with a Concentration in Public History, a Certificate in Museum Studies, and a Certificate in Archive Administration and Records Management. The program admits 12-15 students per year, graduates approximately 12 students annually, and has over 300 graduates overall. The program offers a solid academic history education and professional public history training.

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

**Degree(s) offered:**

**Concentration(s):**

**Course Offerings:**

**Required Academic Core Courses  
(24 credits)**

- Seminars, upper level history, and historical methods

**Required Public History Courses  
(18 credits)**

- Introduction to Public History required, offered annually
- Introduction to Archives and Manuscripts required, offered annually
- Museum Administration and Collections required, offered annually
- Historical Management Internship required, offered annually
- Capstone Project required, offered annually

**Advanced Public History Course  
Requirements (8 credits)**

*Students choose from the following:*

- Advanced Problems in Archival Work offered annually
- Archival Records Technologies offered annually
- Information Management, offered annually
- Museum Interpretation and Exhibits, offered annually
- Material Culture offered every other year
- Decorative Arts offered every other year

**Electives (6-8 credits)**

*Students choose from the following:*

- Research in Local History offered annually
- Historic Preservation, every other year
- History of Architecture, every other year

- Practica: Archives and Museums 1-2 credits
- Archival Preservation offered annually
- Artifact Conservation offered annually
- Photograph Conservation offered annually
- Documenting the Built Environment offered annually
- Oral History Interviewing every other year
- Historic Site Interpretation every other year
- History: Film Making/Exhibit Design Technology alternate years
- Public History Field Study offered twice a year
- Urban Non-Profit Management offered annually
- Fundraising and Grant Writing offered annually

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** N/A

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 56-58 credits

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** Director of Public History and graduate student

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 5 credits

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** The Director of Public History ensures that the internship will meet the requirements of the degree prior to placing the student in the internship. The student writes an internship prospectus outlining the requirements and expectations of the internship as written by the host institution; it is approved by the onsite supervisor, the Director of Public History and agreed to by the student prior to beginning the internship. The onsite supervisor evaluates the student's performance based on the following criteria: fulfillment of internship obligations, attention to detail, understanding of archival or museum studies principles as applied in this internship, effective communication, ability to make archival or museum studies decisions, and completion of all assigned duties. The student must submit an internship report at the conclusion of the experience. This is evaluated by the Director of Public History who assigns the grade based on the onsite supervisor's assessment and the student's report.

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

- Woodrow Wilson Center for International Education
- Dayton History, Inc.
- National Museum of the United States Air Force
- National Park Service
- Dayton Art Institute
- University of Dayton Archives
- Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University
- Ohio Historical Society
- Greene County Records Center and Archives
- Jewish Federation of Greater Dayton Archives
- Cincinnati Museum Center
- Afro American Cultural Center and Museum
- Lloyd Library and Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Admission Requirements:**

- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Statement of Purpose
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Writing Sample

**Financial Aid Available:**

- Loans
- Scholarships
- Assistantships
- Stipends
- Tuition Waiver
- In-state status

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: approximately \$8500    PhD: N/A

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: 6    Scholarships: 3

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

**Placement assistance offered?** An active mentoring program provides assistance for placement from alumni of the program. The university offers assistance through Career Services. The Director of Public History and all adjunct faculty assist students with job placement. A weekly email newsletter lists employment opportunities. Networking is encouraged and fostered through community partnerships and events.

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

- Armstrong Air and Space Museum
- National Museum of the United States Air Force
- Scurry County Museum, Snyder Texas
- Northern Michigan University
- University of Dayton
- American Heritage Center, University of Wyoming
- American Jewish Archives
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Archives