

## Ball State University Public History Program

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**Program Description:** Established in 1987, Ball State's Public History Program is among the nation's oldest undergraduate programs. It has 25-30 majors enrolled & 5 to 7 graduates annually. Students earn 33 credits in History, the majority of these in upper-level courses, including Research Methods & Historiography (required); Digital History, Oral History, and Applied Museology (electives). Nine to 12 credits are earned in the capstone course: a full-time, semester-long internship in a professional setting.

### Degrees Offered:

- B.A. in History
- M.A. in History

**Program Strengths:** Digital Media  
Film/Video  
Local/Community  
History  
Museum Studies  
Oral History

### How Many Students are Admitted Annually:

BA: 7 MA: N/A PhD: N/A

**Financial Aid Available:** For financial aid information, see  
<http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/scholarshipsandfinancialaid/>.

**Deadline to Apply:** Rolling

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 120 for the Bachelor's Degree.

**Internship Requirement:** Required. Internship placements are obtained by the student with the assistance of the Program Director. Nine-12 credit hours must be earned in the internship course. Internships may be paid or unpaid.

### Places Where Students Have Interned During the Past Three Years:

- National Park Service (sites in Arkansas, North Dakota, and Indiana)
- Indiana State Museum
- National Model Aviation Museum
- Minnestrista
- Mellon Centre for Migration Studies (UK)
- Studebaker National Museum
- Walters Art Museum (Baltimore)
- Conner Prairie Interactive History Park
- Indiana Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology
- Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum

**Job Placement Assistance Offered:** Workshops on conducting an effective job search, resume writing, and applying to graduate school are integrated into the Public History curriculum. Program Director and University's Career Center work closely with recent graduates to help them find professional employment in the field.

**Employers Who Have Hired Graduates from this Program within the Past Five Years:**

- Allen County-Fort Wayne Center (Indiana)
- Studebaker National Museum
- Montezuma Castle National Monument (Arizona)
- Zion National Park (Utah)
- Community Foundation of Muncie and Delaware Counties (Indiana)
- U.S. Department of Defense
- Jackson Hole Children's Museum (Wyoming)
- Time Warner, Inc. (New York)
- Fort Des Moines Museum (Iowa)