

University of Southern Mississippi

Public History Graduate Certificate

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Program Description: Established in 2012, the Public History Graduate Certificate Program at Southern Miss is an interdisciplinary program with coursework in Public and Oral History, Library Science and Archives, Economic Development, Political Science (Taxation and Spending), Anthropology, Mass Communication and Journalism (Public Relations), and Non-Profit Studies. Four students have graduated with the certificate since it was established and all have gone on to jobs in the field or advanced graduate programs.

Degrees Offered:

- B.A. in History
- M.A. in History
- M.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
- Ph.D in History
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- Graduate Certificate in History

Program Strengths:

- Library Science Program
- Oral History

How Many Students are Admitted Annually:

BA: N/A MA: 3 PhD: 3

Financial Aid Available: No financial aid is available at this time for students enrolled in the certificate program. Aid in the form of graduate fellowships is available on a competitive basis for students dually enrolled in the certificate program and either the MA or PhD programs: deadline February 1st every year.

Credit Hour Requirement: 18

Internship Requirement: Students are required to participate in one 3 credit hour internship and can add another to fulfil 6 of their total hours if they wish. Students arrange the internships with the assistance of the program coordinator. Internships are generally unpaid, but paid internships are accepted by the program.

Places Where Students Have Interned During the Past Three Years:

- African-American Military Museum
- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
- Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage at Southern Miss
- Coca-Cola Bottling Company
- Lazy Magnolia Brewery Company
- Maggie L. Walker Historic Site
- Mississippi Armed Forces Museum
- Veterans Memorial Museum
- Vicksburg National Military Park
- National World War II Museum
- McCain Archives and Special Collections, Southern Miss.

Job Placement Assistance Offered: Students are encouraged to make use of the university's extensive career services office, as well as getting assistance from the Public History faculty.

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

- Mississippi Department of History and Archives
- National World War II Museum