

PUBLIC HISTORY (B.A.)

Public History is a degree for students seeking careers in museums, at historical societies or historic sites, in cultural resource management, in nonprofits, in government agencies, and in allied fields. It is also appropriate for secondary school teachers who seek to gain experience in project-based, community-engaged pedagogy.

Program Requirements

Students must complete forty-five credits. Specific requirements are as follows:

Core Courses (21 credits)

Core courses equip students with basic training in the historical method; digital, museum, and archival methods of public history; and practical training in the field.

Code	Title	Credits
HIS 2900	Introduction to Public History	3
HIS 3000	The Historian's Craft	3
HIS 4997	Internship in Public History	3
ANT 5600	Museum Studies	3
HIS 5832	History Practicum	3
HIS/INF 6780	Introduction to Records and Information Management	3
HIS 5994	Capstone Seminar in Public History	3
Total Credits		21

General History Surveys (3 credits)

General surveys equip students with a broad perspective on global or regional history.

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		
HIS 1000	World Civilization to 1500	3-4
HIS 1050	History of the Headlines: United States Since World War II	3
HIS 1110	Work and Democracy: An Introduction	3
HIS 1300	Europe and the World: 1500-1945	4
HIS 1400	The World Since 1945	4
HIS 1600	African Civilizations to 1800	3-4
HIS 1610	African Civilizations Since 1800	3-4
HIS 1700	East Asia to the 1700s	3
HIS 1710	History of Modern East Asia	3
HIS 1800	The Age of Islamic Empires: 600-1600	3
HIS 1810	The Modern Middle East	3
HIS 1900	History of Colonial Latin America	3
HIS 1910	Latin America from Independence to the Present	3
HIS 1995	Nature and Societal Transitions	3
HIS 2040	American Foundations to 1877	3-4
HIS 2050	Modern America: Since 1877	3-4

Applied Surveys (3 credits)

Applied surveys provide students with historical training in places students are likely to work, i.e. Michigan, Detroit, or urban environments generally.

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		
HIS 2000	Introduction to Urban Studies	4
HIS 2240	History of Michigan	3-4
HIS 3650	History of Detroit	3

Thematic Surveys (6 credits)

Thematic surveys train students in the broader history of issues relevant to careers in public history, such as gender, globalism, family, ethnicity and race, and politics.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two of the following:		
HIS 2350	Black Detroit	3
HIS 2430	History of Latino/as in the United States	3
HIS 2605	History of Women, Gender and Sexuality in the Modern World	3
HIS 2800	Introduction to Global Issues and Institutions	3
HIS 3010	Jewish History from the Bible to Present	3
HIS 3140	African American History I: 1400-1865	3-4
HIS 3150	African American History II: 1865-1968	3-4
HIS 3155	African American History III: 1968 - Present	3-4
HIS 3160	Black Urban History	4
HIS 3180	Black Social Movements	4
HIS 3205	Queer American History	3
HIS 3220	Labor in Media and Popular Culture	3
HIS 3240	Detroit Politics: Continuity and Change in City and Suburbs	4
HIS 3250	The Family in History	3-4
HIS 3360	Black Workers in American History	4
HIS 3400	The Car in American Life and Labor	4
HIS 3585	Science, Technology, and Society	3

Advanced History Courses 5000 or above, excepting HIS 5832 (6 credits)

Advanced history courses train students in the deeper history of a region and in the art of historical research. Students may choose courses either for broadening or for developing a particular interest.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two of the following:		
HIS 5010	Colonial North America	4
HIS 5020	Revolutionary America	4
HIS 5130	American Foreign Relations Since 1933	4
HIS 5200	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in US History	3
HIS 5205	Queer American History	3
HIS 5251	History of Feminism	4
HIS 5261	American History and Memory	3
HIS 5290	American Labor History	4
HIS 5300	American Capitalism Since 1945	4
HIS 5330	History of Ancient Greece	3
HIS 5340	History of Ancient Rome	3
HIS 5460	History of the Holocaust	4
HIS 5530	History of World War I and II: A Social and Political History of Two World Wars	4
HIS 5535	History of Terrorism	3
HIS 5540	World Environmental History since 1900	4

HIS 5555	Britain in the Age of Empire	4
HIS 5556	History of Modern Britain	4

Non-History Electives (6 credits)

Electives provide students with the interdisciplinary training in allied field indispensable to a degree in Public History.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two of the following:		
ANT 2020	Global Detroit	3
ANT 2130	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology and Human Rights	3
ANT 2400	Food and Culture	3
ANT 5280	Field Work in Archaeology of the Americas	4
ANT 5500	Historical Archaeology	3
ANT 5565	Urban Archaeology	3
COM 1610	Fundamentals of New Media Production	3
COM 2290	Fundamentals of New Media Communication	3
COM 2310	Introduction to Web Design	3
ENG 3210	Public Humanities	3
ENG 5005	Digital Storytelling	3
INF 6420	Web Development	3
INF 6460	Database Design and SQL	3