

Northern Kentucky University  
**Master's in Public History**

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Established in January 2010, the Public History program offers undergraduate courses in public history and a Master's in Public History. The program has thirty-three graduate students and offers specialization in Museum Studies and Contract History.

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

**Degree(s) offered:** M.A. in Public History  
those pursuing or holding a humanities related MA may apply to pursue a graduate certificate in Public History. The graduate certificate will not be conferred unless/until the Master's degree is completed.

**Concentration(s):**

- Museum Studies
- "Contract History" is the designation we use for the methodological cluster of oral history, editing,, local & community history, historic preservation

**Course Offerings:**

- HIS 515 Intro to Public History; offered every fall
- HIS 694 History Seminar; offered every semester
- HIS 696 Public History Practicum; offered every semester
- HIS 699 Directed Readings; offered every semester
- Method Electives: offered on an "every-other" basis
  - o Museum Studies
  - o HIS 605 Museum Education and Interpretation
  - o HIS 607 Exhibits in Museums and Historical Sites
  - o HIS 609 Museum Collections Management
  - o HIS 611 Museum Administration
  - o Contract History
  - o HIS 616 Theory and Practice of Oral History
  - o HIS 618 Local and Regional Research Methods
  - o HIS 620 Historical Preservation
  - o HIS 622 Cultural Heritage Tourism
  - o HIS 624 Historical Editing
  - o HIS 626 Historical Site Interpretation
  - o HIS 628 Contract History
  - o HIS 797 Capstone—Oral Exam Can only be taken when all course work has been completed

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** Each student in their final semester will, in partnership with a community partner, complete a project that demonstrates the student's ability to envision, design, and implement a project such as a special exhibit.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 33-36

**Internship Required?** No

**Who arranges internships?** Dr. Bailey

**Credit hours earned for internships:** 3

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** Please note: undergraduates in our program complete internships; which is what the following information explains. Graduate students complete practica--we have not completed a practicum experience yet.

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

- The Cincinnati Museum Center
- the Cincinnati Art Museum
- Leadership Cincinnati
- the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
- the Behringer- Crawford Museum
- The Boone County Public Library
- The Dinsmore Homestead
- The Greater Cincinnati Police Historical Society Museum
- The James A. Ramage Civil War Museum
- Northern Kentucky Tri-County Development
- Tri-State Warbird Museum
- White Water Shaker Village

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: 2.5  
Statement of Purpose  
Letter(s) of Recommendation  
Transcripts  
online application

**Financial Aid Available:**

Loans  
Assistantships

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: 7500 PhD: N/A

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: N/A-program just started Scholarships: N/A-program just started

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: 0 MA: 33 PhD: 0

**Placement assistance offered?** provide links to employment opportunities through web & email

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

N/A--we just started program