

Texas State University
Public History Program

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The Public History Program at Texas State University-San Marcos was established in 1998 and offers an MA in History with a specialization in Public History. The Program has both a thesis and a non-thesis option. A separate Certificate program was established in 2006. Approximately thirty-five students have graduated from the program and twelve to fifteen new students are currently admitted each year.

Type of Program: Public History Graduate Program

Degree(s) offered: B.A. in History
M.A. in History
M.A. in History with Concentration in Public History

Concentration(s):

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Historic Preservation
- Historical Administration
- Material History
- Local/Community History
- Oral History

Course Offerings:

- Introduction to the Practice of Public History; required; offered annually
- Oral History; not required; offered every other year
- Local and Community History; not required; offered every other year
- Museum Studies; not required; offered every other year
- Material Culture Studies; not required; offered every other year
- Historic Preservation; not required; offered every other year
- Archival Management; not required; offered every other year
- Cultural Resource Management; not required; offered every other year
- Public History Special Project; required; offered every semester or annually
- Public History Internship; required; offered every semester
- Management & Administration in Historical Organizations; not required; offered every other year
- Documentary Media; not required; offered every other year
- Education Programs in Historical Organizations; not required; offered every other year

Thesis required? No

Special project required? Yes

Description: The special project class is organized according to specific community or institutional needs.

Credit Hour Requirement: 36 non-thesis; 39 thesis

Internship Required? Yes

Who arranges internships? Students in concert with Program Director as Internship Coordinator

Credit hours earned for internships: 3

Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation? Formal evaluations that include goals and objectives are completed by the student intern and the internship host site. The Program Director as Internship Coordinator evaluates the internship through a final written report.

Places where students have interned in the past three years:

- National Park Service
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- Texas Historical Commission
- Chautauqua Institution
- Randolph Air Force Base
- LBJ Presidential Library & Archives
- Humanities Texas
- Texas State History Museum
- National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian

Admission Requirements:

Minimum GPA: 3.25
Statement of Purpose
Letter(s) of Recommendation
Transcripts
GRE Aptitude Score

Financial Aid Available:

Scholarships
Assistantships
In-State Status

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

Average number of students who receive: Stipend: N/A Scholarships: 3 department awarded scholarships annually

How many students are admitted annually? BA: N/A MA: 10-15 PhD: N/A

Placement assistance offered? The program assists public history students through distribution of position announcements and postings, referrals, and personal contacts.

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

- US Air Force
- National Park Service
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.
- Texas Historical Commission
- Texas French Legation
- LBJ Presidential Archives
- Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center