

Simmons College  
**History MA; dual MA/MS in History and Archives Management**

History Department  
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The graduate program in History at Simmons College was established in 1992. There are currently about 80 students in the program, most of them completing a dual MS/MA with an Archives concentration in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The program has over 100 alumni, with about 12 students currently graduating each year..

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

**Degree(s) offered:** M.A. in History  
MA/MS in History and Archives Management

**Concentration(s):**

- Museum Studies
- Archival Practices
- Material History
- Library Science Program
- Oral History

**Course Offerings:**

- Historical Methods and Research; required; offered annually
- Archives, History, and Collective Memory; required; offered annually
- Sites of History: Research Seminar in Public History; required; offered annually
- Introduction to Archives Methods and Services; required; every semester
- Archival Access and Use; req; every semester
- Managing Records in Electronic Environments; req;
- Preservation Management for Libraries and Archives; elective
- Archiving and Preserving Digital Media; elective
- Appraisal of Archives and Management; elective
- Establishing Archives and Management; elective
- Photographic Archives and Visual Information; elective
- Oral History; elective
- History of the Book; elective
- Moving Image Collections in Libraries and Archives, elective
- Preservation Technologies; elective

**Thesis required?** Yes

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** For MA history students (not MS/MA history and archives management students), an independent study project may substitute for the thesis.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 40 for the M.A.; 57 for the MS/MA

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** The graduate program director

**Credit hours earned for internships:** Up to 10 credits

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** Most internships are embedded in coursework

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

- Massachusetts Historical Society
- Historic New England
- Schlesinger Library in the History of Women in America
- John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum
- Countway Library in the History of Medicine
- Dozens of other sites in Boston and throughout New England

**Admission Requirements:**

Minimum GPA: N/A  
Statement of Purpose  
Letter(s) of Recommendation  
Transcripts  
Writing Sample  
GRE if gpa is lower than 3.0.

**Financial Aid Available:**

Loans  
Scholarships  
Assistantships

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

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: N/A Scholarships: 10

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: N/A MA: 50 PhD: 0

**Placement assistance offered?** We offer individual advising through the department and the Career Education Center.

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

- Historic New England
- Massachusetts Historical Society
- National Archives and Records Administration
- Countway Library in the History of Medicine
- The History Makers
- Jewish Women's Archive
- Boston Athenaeum
- Montpelier: The Henry Knox Museum (Maine)
- New York State Archives
- Tufts University
- Wellesley College
- Lesley University
- Harvard University Planning Office