HISTORY, PUBLIC HISTORY
- MASTER OF ARTS

(Code 380-808)

Public History prepares students for a wide range of career options by
familiarizing them with museum work, historic preservation, archives, and
other public history subfields, and by providing hands-on experience through
internships and other opportunities. The Wisconsin Historical Society’s Division
of Public History and Historic Preservation opened its Northern Field Services
Office in the History Department in 2006. The Field Services program provides
programming and assistance to history and preservation organizations
state-wide and collaborates with the Public History program to coordinate
internships and other opportunities in public history. The Public History
program also works closely with the UWEC Special Collections and Archives,
which regularly hosts interns. The Archives is home to one of a network of 14
Area Research Centers (ARCs) which the Wisconsin Historical Society and UW
System administer cooperatively, providing students access to the resources of
the Society as well as the other 13 ARCs.

Program Requirements
To complete the Public History Program students must fulfill the following
requirements:

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<td>Required courses</td>
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<td>HIST 586</td>
<td>Introduction to Public History</td>
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<td>Current Trends in History</td>
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<td>Select a minimum of 6 graduate credits from the following:</td>
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Students may choose from the following culminating experiences:

Option 1: Thesis
A minimum of 30 graduate credits in history which requires
a minimum/maximum of 6 credits of HIST 799. HIST 795 and
HIST 796 do not count toward this option.

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Option 2: Thesis + Practicum
A minimum of 30 graduate credits in history which requires
a minimum/maximum of 3 credits of HIST 796 and a
minimum/maximum of 3 credits of HIST 799. HIST 795 does
not count toward this option.

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Option 3: Non-thesis
A minimum of 33 graduate credits in history with no thesis.
Maximum 3 credits of HIST 795 may apply toward this
option. HIST 796 and HIST 799 do not count toward this
option.

NOTES:
1. The practicum requires students to share their thesis research with a public
   audience in cooperation with a community partner.

Areas of Expertise and Exams: Graduate students prepare themselves in
an area of expertise designed to meet their needs and interests. Areas of
expertise may be defined by broad themes, topics, chronology, or geography.
A required written comprehensive exam will be based upon substantial
knowledge of the student’s area of expertise based upon research, course
work, and bibliographies created in consultation with faculty. During their final
semester all students are also required to take an oral exam related to their area
of expertise. Non-thesis students’ oral exam will be based upon their course
work and written comprehensive exam. For students completing a thesis, the
oral exam will be related to their research. The oral exam committee includes
the graduate coordinator, one or two additional history graduate faculty, and
one graduate faculty from outside the Department of History.