Graduate Certificate in Public History

The Public History certificate program centers the concept of “history with a purpose” and prepares students to enter the profession with the skills they need to create and present public-facing, community-engaged historical scholarship. The certificate can be completed as a stand-alone credential or in conjunction with another degree program at UofL.

1 CORE COURSES
Intro to Public History (HIST 697) and the Public History Practicum (HIST 608) are required of all students.

2 HISTORY ELECTIVES
Two 600-level History seminars are required; this is a great opportunity to explore new areas, time periods, or themes!

3 PUBLIC HISTORY ELECTIVES
Two 500- or 600-level Public History electives are also required; these may be taken outside the History Department (for example in Public Administration).

4 INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT
All students are required to complete a 150-hour internship with one of our community partners; this is a chance to network and explore career options.

5 WELCOME PROFESSIONALS
We welcome professionals working in historical/cultural heritage fields seeking to learn new skills and expand their résumés.

QUICK FACTS

CREDIT HOURS
18 credit hours

REQUIREMENTS
• HIST 608
• HIST 697
• two 600-level History seminars
• two 500- or 600-level Public History electives (may be taken outside the History Department)

APPLICATION DOSSIER
• online application
• statement of purpose
• official transcript(s)
• 2 recommendation letters (1 for current UofL grad students)

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

Where do History alumni go after graduation?
 Everywhere! We have a strong job placement record.

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