



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.

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

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.