

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY & POLITICAL SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC HISTORY

The baccalaureate degree in public history prepares students for careers in historic preservation as well as museum and archive management.

The public history degree requires forty eight (48) additional semester hours beyond the General Education requirements and the College of Arts and Humanities foreign language requirement.

General Education Required Courses

- HIST 1503 World History to 1500
- HIST 1513 World History since 1500
- HIST 2003 United States History to 1877
- HIST 2013 United States History since 1877

Public history majors are required to take six (6) hours of beginning foreign language courses or obtain the appropriate waiver for high school language study.

The fifty-four (54) semester hours required for the public history degree include:

- Three (3) hours of 3000-4000 level GEOG electives
- Six (6) hours of 3000-4000 level HIST electives
- POLS 2003 American Government
- ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology
- HIST 2203 Introduction to Public History
- HIST 2513 Sources and Methods in History
- HIST 4153 History of Arkansas
- HIST 4973 Internship
- Eighteen (18) semester hours of 3000-4000 level history courses with nine (9) hours in U.S. History and nine (9) hours in world/European history

Select nine (9) hours of Public History Core from the following list:

- HIST 3223 Local and Oral History
- HIST 3243 Archive and Manuscript Management
- HIST 3273 Digital History
- HIST 4293 Historic Preservation
- HIST 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods/ANTH 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods/MUSM 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods

Curriculum

The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

Freshman

Fall	Credits
ENGL 1013 Composition I ¹	3
FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	3
MATH 1XXX ¹	3
TECH 1001 Orientation to the University	1
HIST 1503 World History to 1500	3
Elective ²	3
Total Hours	16

Spring	Credits
ENGL 1023 Composition II ¹	3
SCIL 1XXX Science with Laboratory ¹	4

Spring	Credits
ANTH 2003 Cultural Anthropology	3
POLS 2003 American Government	3
HIST 1513 World History since 1500	3
Total Hours	16

Sophomore

Fall	Credits
SCIL 1XXX Science with Laboratory ¹	4
Beginning Language I ⁵	3
HIST 2003 United States History to 1877	3
Elective ²	5
Total Hours	15

Spring	Credits
FAH 1XXX Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	3
Beginning Language II ⁵	3
HIST 2013 United States History since 1877	3
HIST 2203 Introduction to Public History	3
HIST 2513 Sources and Methods in History	3
Total Hours	15

Junior

Fall	Credits
GEOG Elective 3000-4000 level	3
Public History Core ⁶	3
HIST Elective 3000-4000 level	3
HIST 4153 History of Arkansas	3
HIST Electives ⁴	3
Total Hours	15

Spring	Credits
Public History Core ⁶	3
HIST Elective ³	3
HIST Electives ⁴	6
Elective	3

Spring	Credits
Total Hours	15

Senior

Fall	Credits
Public History Core ⁶	3
HIST Elective 3000-4000 level	3
HIST Elective ³	6
Electives	4
Total Hours	16

Spring	Credits
HIST 4973 Internship	3
Electives ²	9
Total Hours	12

¹See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "[General Education Requirements](#)".

²At least 40 of the total hours required for graduation must be 3000-4000 level courses.

³HIST class must be in the sub-field of United States History.

⁴HIST class must be in the sub-field of European or World History.

⁵Must be in one language. Students may waive three hours of language requirement for every one year of language study in high school with grades of "C" or better.

⁶ HIST 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods/MUSM 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods/ANTH 4403 Interpretation/Education through Museum Methods, HIST 3223 Local and Oral History, HIST 3243 Archive and Manuscript Management, HIST 3273 Digital History, HIST 4293 Historic Preservation