

Public History

Public History Major

The major requires 51 credits in history courses, including a nine-credit internship. An additional 18 credits in supplementary vocational courses or an approved minor to prepare for a career in public history are also required. The Public History program prepares students for employment in fields such as archives and museums, historical editing, historic preservation, costume conservation, and archeology. The 18 credit supplementary vocational courses are divided into three tracks:

1. Museums, intended to prepare students for work as a curator, interpreter, or administrator in museums,
2. Archives, intended to prepare students for work with documents and/or photographs in a archival repository, and
3. Historical preservation, intended to prepare students to work with the National Historic Preservation legislation to identify historic buildings and sites throughout the nation.

For more details regarding the courses available for the 18 credit distribution courses or 18 credit vocational supplement, refer to the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies web site (<http://www.ndsu.edu/history>).

Major Requirements

Major: Public History

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
HIST 390	Historical Research and Writing	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Quantitative Reasoning (R): Select from current general education list 3

Science & Technology (S):

A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list. 10

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list 6

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): Select from current general education list 6

Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2

Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list

Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list

Total Credits 40

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

AH&SS College Requirements

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities 3

ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS

Area Two: Social Sciences 3

ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS

Area Three: Fine Arts 3

ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA

Total Credits 9

Major Requirements

Note: Thirty-three (33) credits must be taken in residence at NDSU.

General Education Requirements 40

AH&SS College Requirement 9

Public History Major Requirements

HIST 251	Introduction To Public History	3
HIST 252	Introduction to Museum Work	3
HIST	100-200 level elective	3
ARCH 322	History of Architecture II	3
HIST 390	Historical Research and Writing	3
HIST 401	Archival Theory and Practice	3
HIST 403	Archival Preservation	3
HIST 496	Field Experience (Approved Internship)	9
HIST 489	Senior Seminar (Capstone)	3

Distribution Requirement: Minimum credit required for each distribution area.

North American History: Select 6 credits from the following: 6

HIST 382	Canada
HIST 422	U.S. History 1829-1917 I
HIST 423	U.S. History 1829-1917 II
HIST 424	U.S. History 1917-Present I
HIST 425	U.S. History 1917-Present II

HIST 429	History of the American South to 1850	
HIST 431	The North American Plains	
HIST 434	Environmental History	
HIST 436	American Frontier to 1850	
HIST 437	American West Since 1850	
HIST 476	Southwestern Borderlands To 1848	
European History: Select 6 credits from the following:		6
HIST 320	History of Christianity	
HIST 450	Ancient History	
HIST 451	Medieval History	
HIST 454	Renaissance And Reformation	
HIST 455	The Eighteenth Century	
HIST 456	Europe 1815-1914	
HIST 457	Europe Since 1914	
HIST 464	Imperial Spain	
HIST 465	Germany since 1750	
HIST 467	History Of Russia II	
Widening Horizons: Select 6 credits from the following:		6
HIST 381	Australia & New Zealand	
HIST 440	The Ottoman Empire	
HIST 470	Modern Latin America I	
HIST 471	Modern Latin America II	
HIST 473	Colonial Mexico	
HIST 474	Modern Mexico	
HIST 477	Slavery in the Atlantic World	
HIST 480	History of Modern China from 1600	
HIST 481	History of Japan	
HIST 482	Vietnam: 125 Years of Conflict	
HIST 485	Cultural Exchange and the Making of the Modern World	
Supplementary Vocational Option (see below):		18
An additional 18 credits are required from the vocational options listed below. Select a minimum of 18 credits from one specific track: 1) Museums, 2) Archives, or 3) Historic Preservation. Students may substitute a minor program from another field of study approved by the Director of Public History Program (e.g., Business Administration, Mass Communications, or Sociology with an Anthropology emphasis)		
Degree Requirements: Potential of 4 credits to reach 122		4
Total Credits		122

Supplementary Vocational Options

Select a minimum of 18 credits from one vocational track.

Museums: Select 18 credits from the following:		18
ADHM 150		
ADHM 310	History of Fashion	
ADHM 315	History of Interiors I	
ADHM 316	History of Interiors II	
ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 204	Archaeology and Prehistory	
ART 211	Art History II	
ART 451	History of American Art	
ART 452	Contemporary Art	

COMM 260	Principles of Internet Web-Based Design	
COMM 261	Introduction to Web Development	
CSCI 116	Business Use of Computers	
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
SOC 405	Community Development	
Total Credits		18

Archives Course List

Archives: Select 18 credits from the following:		18
MIS 320	Management Information Systems	
COMM 260	Principles of Internet Web-Based Design	
COMM 261	Introduction to Web Development	
CSCI 116	Business Use of Computers	
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
Total Credits		18

Historic Preservation Course List

Historic Preservation: Select 18 credits from the following:		18
ADHM 150		
ADHM 315	History of Interiors I	
ADHM 316	History of Interiors II	
ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH 204	Archaeology and Prehistory	
ART 451	History of American Art	
CSCI 116	Business Use of Computers	
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
LA 322	History of Landscape Architecture	
SOC 405	Community Development	
Total Credits		18