

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 (<https://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 at college level 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:

Code	Title	Credits
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 431 The North American Plains	
HIST 434 Environmental History	
HIST 436 American Frontier to 1850	
HIST 437 American West Since 1850	
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 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	Introduction to Web 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	Introduction to Web 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 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
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Total Credits	18