

Public History Student Record

Name: _____

USC ID or last four digits of SSN: _____

Local Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone (cell/home): _____

Telephone (work): _____

Semester entered Public History Program: _____

Concentration (preservation/museums): _____

Minor field ("US to 1877," "US from 1789," CIED, Europe, Latin America, STE):

Certificate (CRM/Museum Mgt): _____

Record of Graduate Assistantships

For advising and financial aid purposes only; no academic credit is given for graduate assistantships.

Institution: _____

Inclusive dates: _____

Job title(s): _____

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Program of Study

The university requires students to file a Program of Study form before the end of their second full semester, with all the courses you will take to fulfill degree requirements. The form is available online:

<http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/doclibrary/documents/mastersprogramofstudy.pdf>

_____ Date Program of Study filed

Advising Checklist

This sheet is used by you and your Public History advisor as a short-hand checklist for the formal requirements stated in the university's graduate bulletin for the Master of Arts in Public History:

<http://www.sc.edu/bulletin/grad/GHhistory.html>. See also the Guidelines for Graduate Study in the Department of History: <http://www.cas.sc.edu/hist/Graduate%20Program/publicreqs.html>

A. Gateway Seminar: 1 course (3 credits)

_____ History 720: Introduction to the Study of History (required in first semester)

B. The Concentration (historic preservation/museums): 4 courses (12 credits)

Students select 4 courses for their major field: at least 2 from the core courses within your track, 2 may be from any Public History designated courses.

Historic Preservation

- _____ History 788: History, Memory, and Space
- _____ History 692: Historic Preservation Field Experience: Charleston, SC
- _____ History 700: Topics in History: Architectural History
- _____ History 712: Historic Preservation Practicum
- _____ History 786: Comparative Applied History: US and UK
- _____ History 789: Historic Site Interpretation
- _____ History 792: Historic Preservation
- _____ Public History Designated Course (number _____)
- _____ Public History Designated Course (number _____)

Museums

- _____ History 787: Introduction to Material Culture Studies
- _____ History 781: History and Theory of Museums
- _____ History 692: Historic Preservation Field Experience: Charleston, SC
- _____ History 786: Comparative Applied History: US and UK
- _____ History 789: Historic Site Interpretation
- _____ Public History Designated Course (number _____)
- _____ Public History Designated Course (number _____)

B. The Minor Field: 4 courses (12 credits)

The minor field is usually either "U.S. to 1877" or "U.S. from 1789," although a thematic or non-American field may be substituted with the approval of your faculty advisor. Students select 2 reading seminars to create a minor field, then add one 700-level History elective and an 800 research seminar. A reading seminar in which the student writes a research paper can be substituted for 800 with permission of both the course instructor and the student's advisor.

- _____ History 701/752 (Readings in Colonial American History)
- _____ History 702 (Readings in American History, 1789-1876)
- _____ History 703 (Readings in American History since 1876)
- _____ History 700 Topics in History (as approved by advisor, DPH, or DGS)
- _____ History 700 Topics in History (as approved by advisor, DPH, or DGS)
- _____ History elective (can be any 700 level history course) (number: _____)
- _____ History 800 Topics in History Research

D. Public History Internship

All students must complete a public history internship. The internship requires at least 145 hours, pre-approval of the student's adviser, and an advance contract. See Internship Guidelines on the Public History Program website.

Institution: _____

Semester completed: _____

E. Language/Methodology Proficiency

Students must pass a reading and translation examination in a foreign language. These exams are administered by the relevant language department. With the approval of your advisor and the DGS, students may substitute completion of an appropriate methodology such as a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) course. For GIS, consult the course schedule of the Geography Department for details. Geography 363 is a popular option; however, this is an undergraduate course that cannot be used in your official program of study.

Language or Methodology: _____ Semester: _____

F. Thesis: History 799 (3 credits)

See Guidelines for Writing Theses on the Public History Program website. An oral thesis defense is required in which students are expected to demonstrate mastery of both the thesis topic and the relevant historiography of the minor field. The thesis director must be a faculty member in the USC history department.

First reader/Director : _____

Second reader: _____

Date of Thesis Defense: _____ Grade: Pass/Fail

Semester in which thesis filed: _____

G. Portfolio Presentation

For more information on this requirement, see Portfolio Guidelines on the Public History Program website.

Semester of Portfolio Presentation: _____

Grade (A, A-, B+, B, B-, F) _____

H. Additional Certificate (optional)

Some curricular options, like completion of a certificate program, will add one semester of coursework. Students enrolled in public history may also enter the Museum Certificate Program coordinated by the University's McKissick Museum, or the certificate program in Historical Archeology and Cultural Resource Management offered by the Department of Anthropology. Students may apply for dual degree status with the M.A./M.L.I.S., offered in conjunction with the School of Library and Information Science. Note that the history department may not be able to offer you financial assistance in the form of a graduate assistantship for this additional semester(s). You should file a separate Program of Study for the certificate.

Certificate Program: _____

Courses taken: _____

I. Additional Courses (optional)

Students can take up to 2 additional graduate level classes within the two-year M.A. program. 500-level courses in the Anthropology, Art History, and Geography and 700-level courses in Museum Management and Library and Information Science are particularly appropriate and can lead to certificates in Museum Management, Cultural Resource Management and the Masters of Library and information science dual degree.

Additional Courses taken: _____

General Advice to Public History Students

Become familiar with the "Information for Current Students" links on the Public History Program's website: <http://www.cas.sc.edu/hist/pubhist/>

Take advantage of the resources of a major research university by looking for relevant graduate courses not only in the history department (HIST on the USC Master Schedule), but also in other university units, such as the McKissick Museum (MUSM), Art History (ARTH), Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Film Studies (FILM), and the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS), among others. 700-level classes may be approved for substitution in the program of study; ask your advisor. 500 and 600 level courses may be taken as additional courses, up to and beyond 36 hours.